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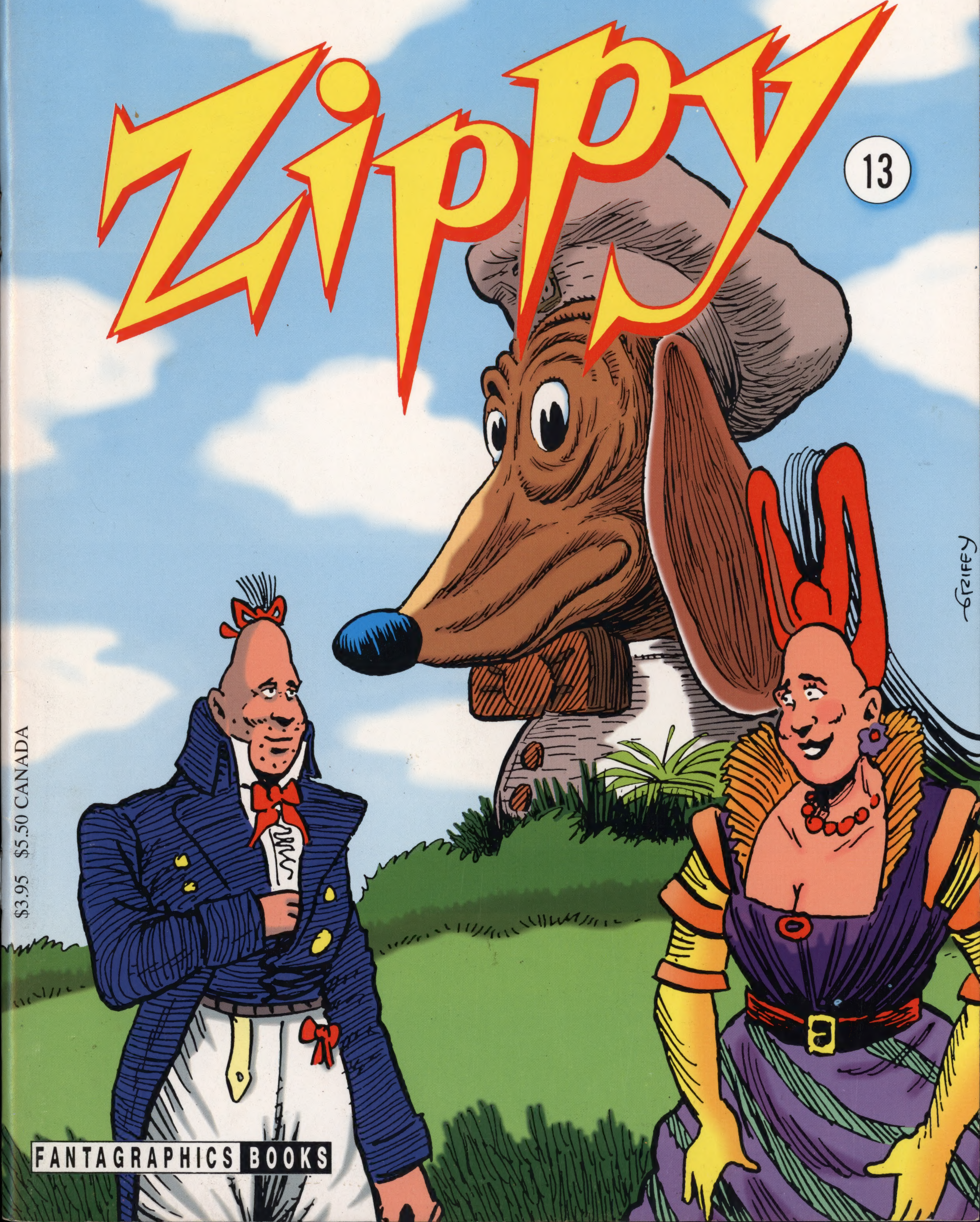

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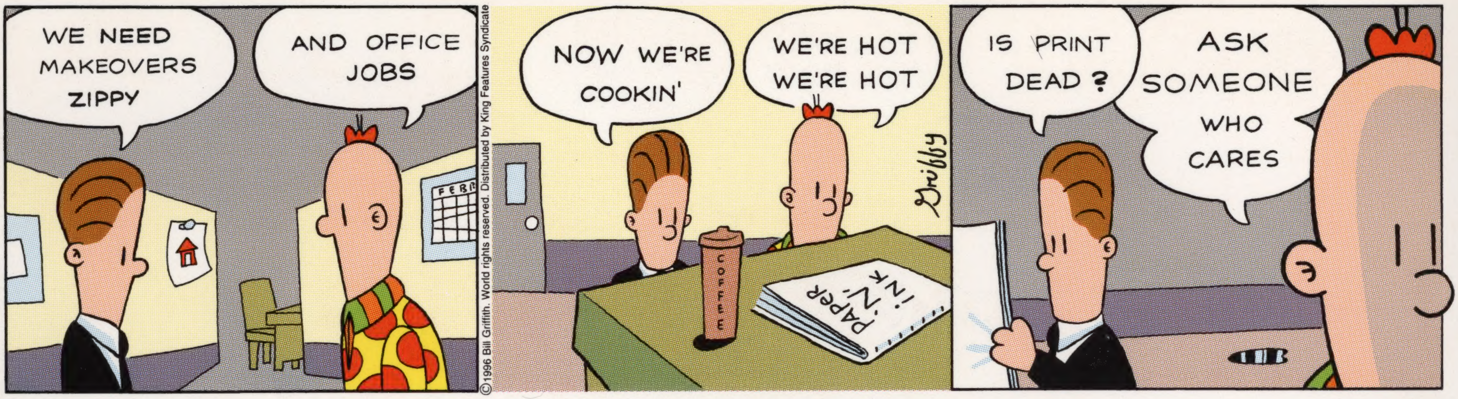
WE NEED MAKEOVERS ZIPPY
AND OFFICE JOBS
NOW WE'RE COOKIN'
WE'RE HOT WE'RE HOT
COFFEE
PAPER 'N' INK
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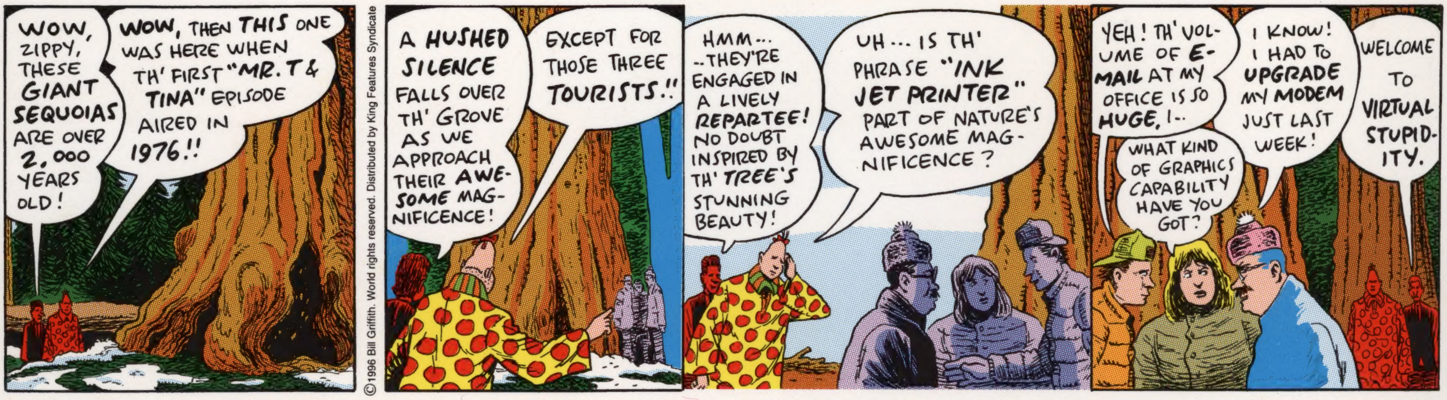
IS PRINT DEAD ?
ASK SOMEONE WHO CARES


WOW, ZIPPY, THESE GIANT SEQUOIAS ARE OVER 2,000 YEARS OLD!
WOW, THEN THIS ONE WAS HERE WHEN TH' FIRST "MR. T & TINA" EPISODE AIRED IN 1976!!
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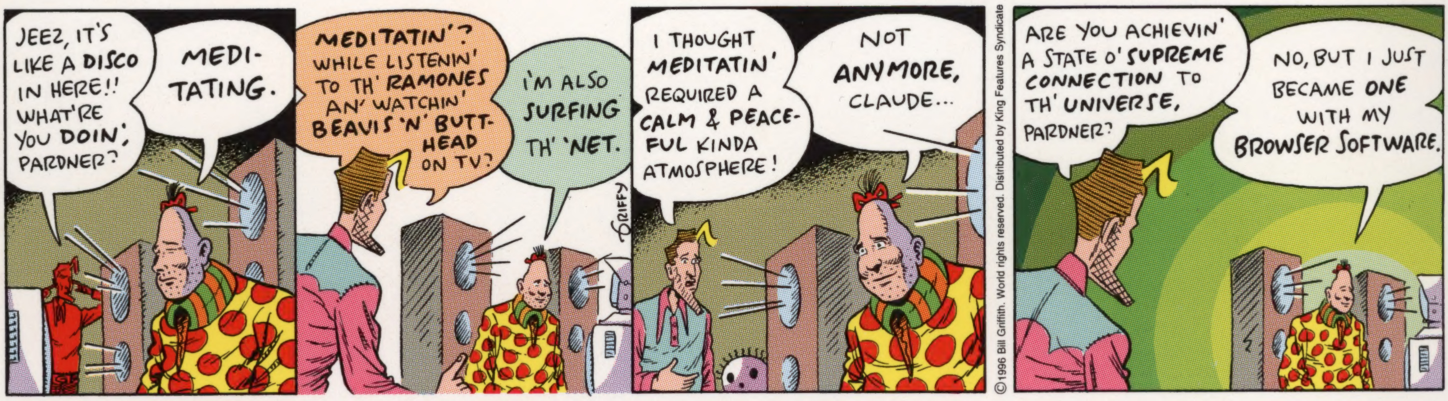
A HUSHED SILENCE FALLS OVER TH' GROVE AS WE APPROACH THEIR AWESOME MAGNIFICENCE!
EXCEPT FOR THOSE THREE TOURISTS!!
HMM... --THEY'RE ENGAGED IN A LIVELY REPARTEE! NO DOUBT INSPIRED BY TH' TREE'S STUNNING BEAUTY!
UH... IS TH' PHRASE "INK JET PRINTER" PART OF NATURE'S AWESOME MAGNIFICENCE?
YEH! TH' VOLUME OF E-MAIL AT MY OFFICE IS SO HUGE, I--
WHAT KIND OF GRAPHICS CAPABILITY HAVE YOU GOT?
I KNOW! I HAD TO UPGRADE MY MODEM JUST LAST WEEK!
WELCOME TO VIRTUAL STUPIDITY.


JEEZ, IT'S LIKE A DISCO IN HERE!! WHAT'RE YOU DOIN', PARDNER?
MEDITATING.
MEDITATIN'? WHILE LISTENIN' TO TH' RAMONES AN' WATCHIN' BEAVIS 'N' BUTT-HEAD ON TV?
I'M ALSO SURFING TH' 'NET.
GRIFFY
I THOUGHT MEDITATIN' REQUIRED A CALM & PEACEFUL KINDA ATMOSPHERE!
NOT ANYMORE, CLAUDE...
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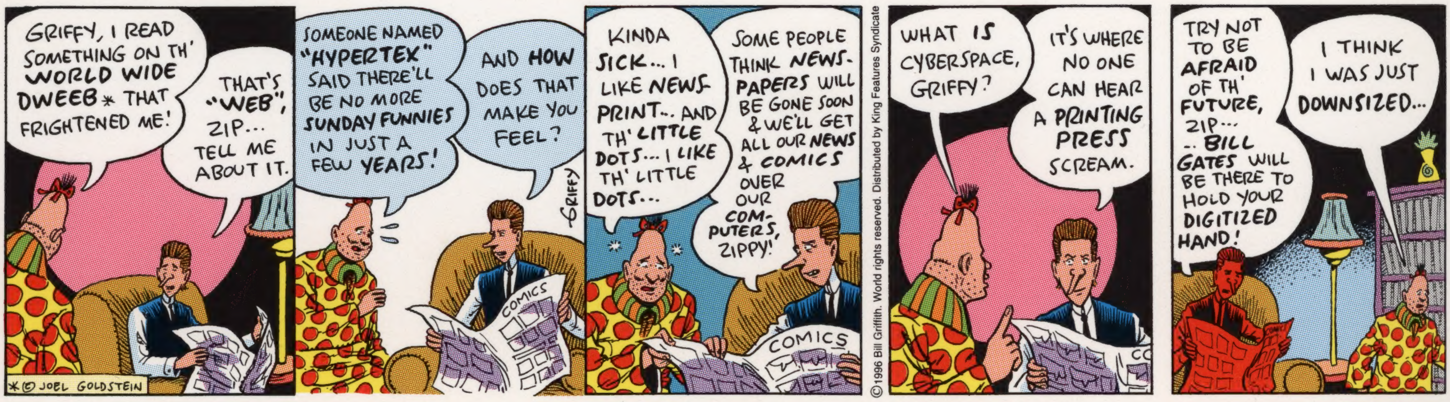
ARE YOU ACHIEVIN' A STATE O' SUPREME CONNECTION TO TH' UNIVERSE, PARDNER?
NO, BUT I JUST BECAME ONE WITH MY BROWSER SOFTWARE.


GRIFFY, I READ SOMETHING ON TH' WORLD WIDE DWEEB* THAT FRIGHTENED ME!
THAT'S "WEB", ZIP... TELL ME ABOUT IT.
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SOMEONE NAMED "HYPERTEX" SAID THERE'LL BE NO MORE SUNDAY FUNNIES IN JUST A FEW YEARS!
AND HOW DOES THAT MAKE YOU FEEL?
COMICS
GRIFFY
KINDA SICK... I LIKE NEWSPRINT... AND TH' LITTLE DOTS... I LIKE TH' LITTLE DOTS...
SOME PEOPLE THINK NEWSPAPERS WILL BE GONE SOON & WE'LL GET ALL OUR NEWS & COMICS OVER OUR COMPUTERS, ZIPPY!
COMICS
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WHAT IS CYBERSPACE, GRIFFY?
IT'S WHERE NO ONE CAN HEAR A PRINTING PRESS SCREAM.
TRY NOT TO BE AFRAID OF TH' FUTURE, ZIP... ..BILL GATES WILL BE THERE TO HOLD YOUR DIGITIZED HAND!
I THINK I WAS JUST DOWNSIZED...

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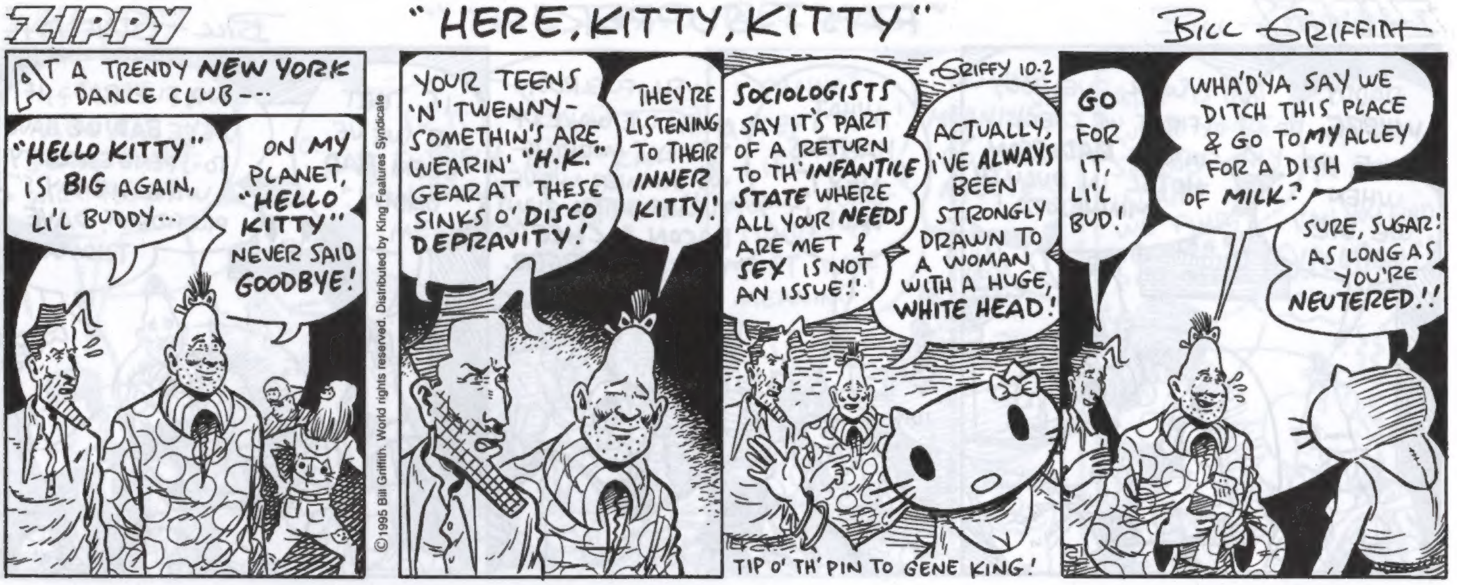
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"HERE, KITTY, KITTY"
BILL GRIFFITH
AT A TRENDY NEW YORK DANCE CLUB---
"HELLO KITTY" IS BIG AGAIN, LI'L BUDDY...
ON MY PLANET, "HELLO KITTY" NEVER SAID GOODBYE!
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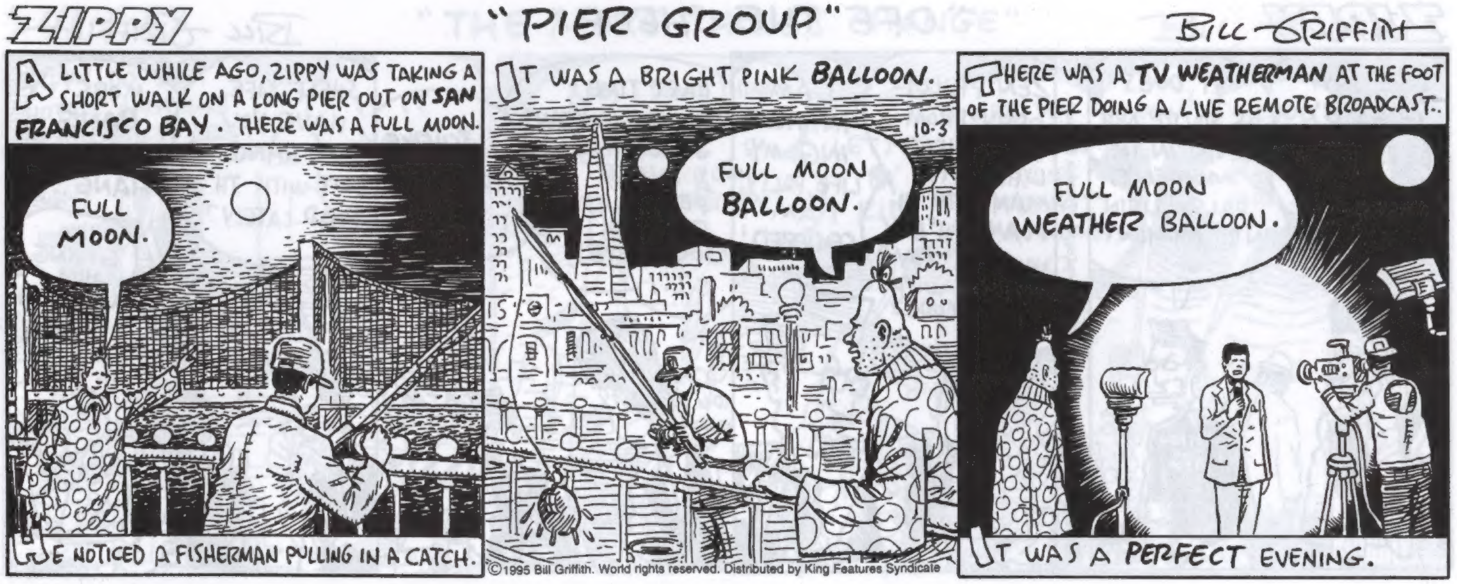
YOUR TEENS 'N' TWENNY-SOMETHIN'S ARE WEARIN' "H.K." GEAR AT THESE SINKS O' DISCO DEPRAVITY!
THEY'RE LISTENING TO THEIR INNER KITTY!
GRIFFY 10-2
SOCIOLOGISTS SAY IT'S PART OF A RETURN TO TH' INFANTILE STATE WHERE ALL YOUR NEEDS ARE MET & SEX IS NOT AN ISSUE!!
ACTUALLY, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN STRONGLY DRAWN TO A WOMAN WITH A HUGE, WHITE HEAD!
TIP O' TH' PIN TO GENE KING!
GO FOR IT, LI'L BUD!
WHA'D'YA SAY WE DITCH THIS PLACE & GO TO MY ALLEY FOR A DISH OF MILK?
SURE, SUGAR! AS LONG AS YOU'RE NEUTERED!!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"PIER GROUP"
BILL GRIFFITH
A LITTLE WHILE AGO, ZIPPY WAS TAKING A SHORT WALK ON A LONG PIER OUT ON SAN FRANCISCO BAY. THERE WAS A FULL MOON.
FULL MOON.
HE NOTICED A FISHERMAN PULLING IN A CATCH.
IT WAS A BRIGHT PINK BALLOON.
10-3
FULL MOON BALLOON.
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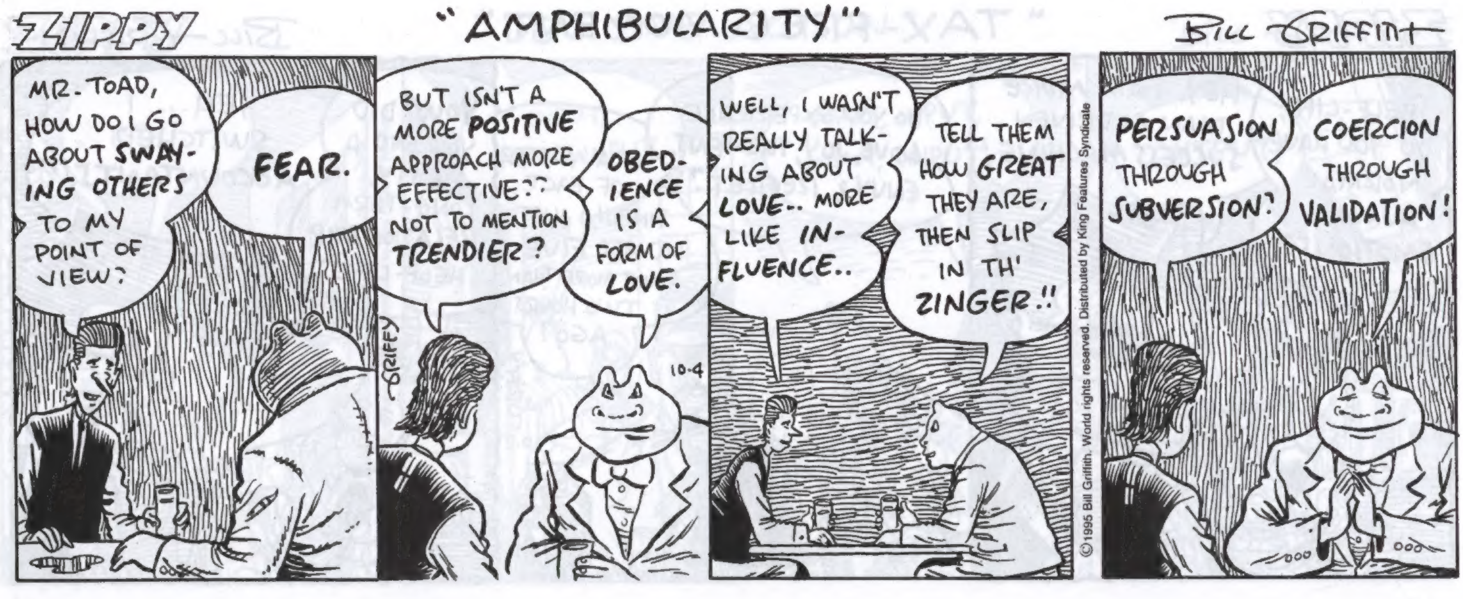
THERE WAS A TV WEATHERMAN AT THE FOOT OF THE PIER DOING A LIVE REMOTE BROADCAST.
FULL MOON WEATHER BALLOON.
IT WAS A PERFECT EVENING.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"AMPHIBULARITY"
BILL GRIFFITH
MR. TOAD, HOW DO I GO ABOUT SWAYING OTHERS TO MY POINT OF VIEW?
FEAR.
BUT ISN'T A MORE POSITIVE APPROACH MORE EFFECTIVE?? NOT TO MENTION TRENDIER?
OBEDIENCE IS A FORM OF LOVE.
GRIFFY
10-4
WELL, I WASN'T REALLY TALKING ABOUT LOVE.. MORE LIKE INFLUENCE..
TELL THEM HOW GREAT THEY ARE, THEN SLIP IN TH' ZINGER!!
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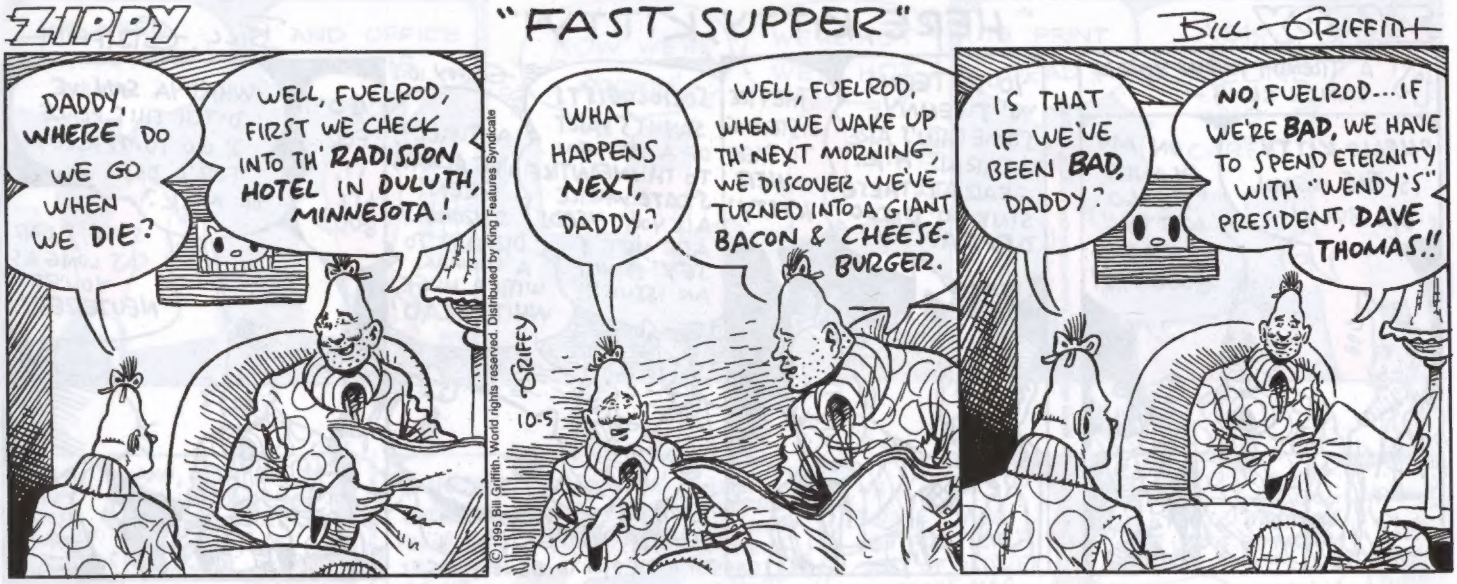
PERSUASION THROUGH SUBVERSION?
COERCION THROUGH VALIDATION!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"FAST SUPPER"
BILL GRIFFITH
DADDY, WHERE DO WE GO WHEN WE DIE?
WELL, FUELROD, FIRST WE CHECK INTO TH' RADISSON HOTEL IN DULUTH, MINNESOTA!
WHAT HAPPENS NEXT, DADDY?
WELL, FUELROD, WHEN WE WAKE UP TH' NEXT MORNING, WE DISCOVER WE'VE TURNED INTO A GIANT BACON & CHEESE-BURGER.
IS THAT IF WE'VE BEEN BAD, DADDY?
NO, FUELROD... IF WE'RE BAD, WE HAVE TO SPEND ETERNITY WITH "WENDY'S" PRESIDENT, DAVE THOMAS!!
GRIFFY 10-5
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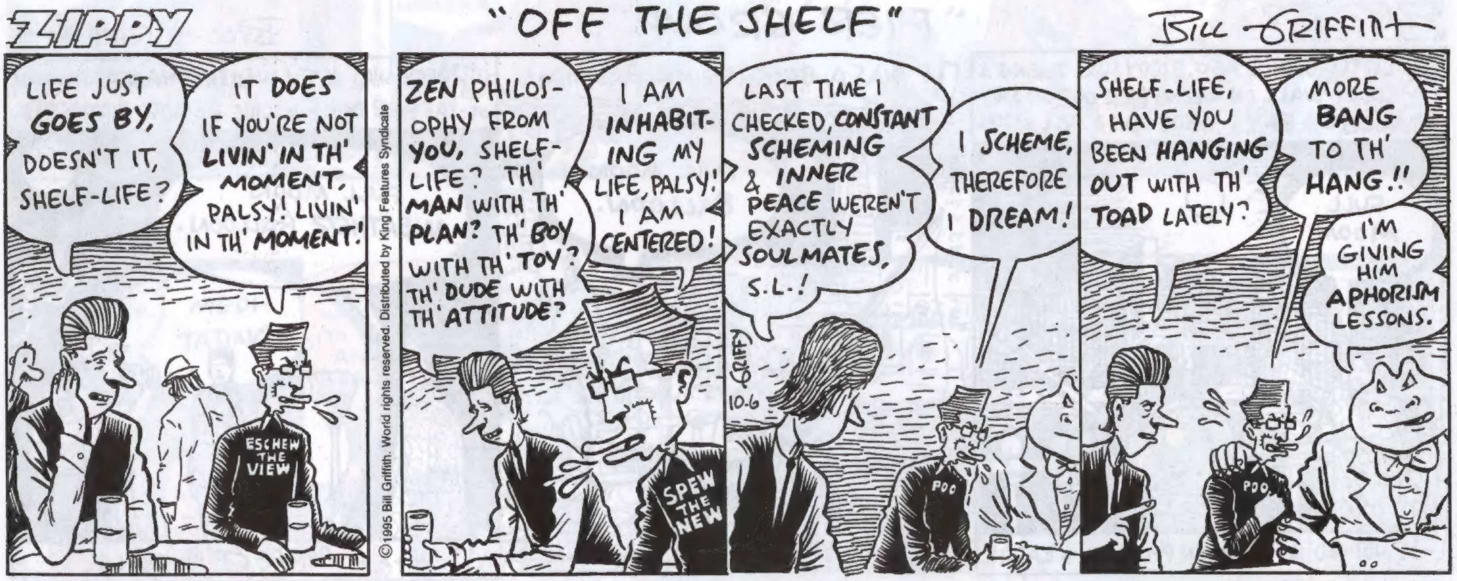
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"OFF THE SHELF"
BILL GRIFFITH
LIFE JUST GOES BY, DOESN'T IT, SHELF-LIFE?
IT DOES IF YOU'RE NOT LIVIN' IN TH' MOMENT, PALSY! LIVIN' IN TH' MOMENT!
ESCHEW THE VIEW
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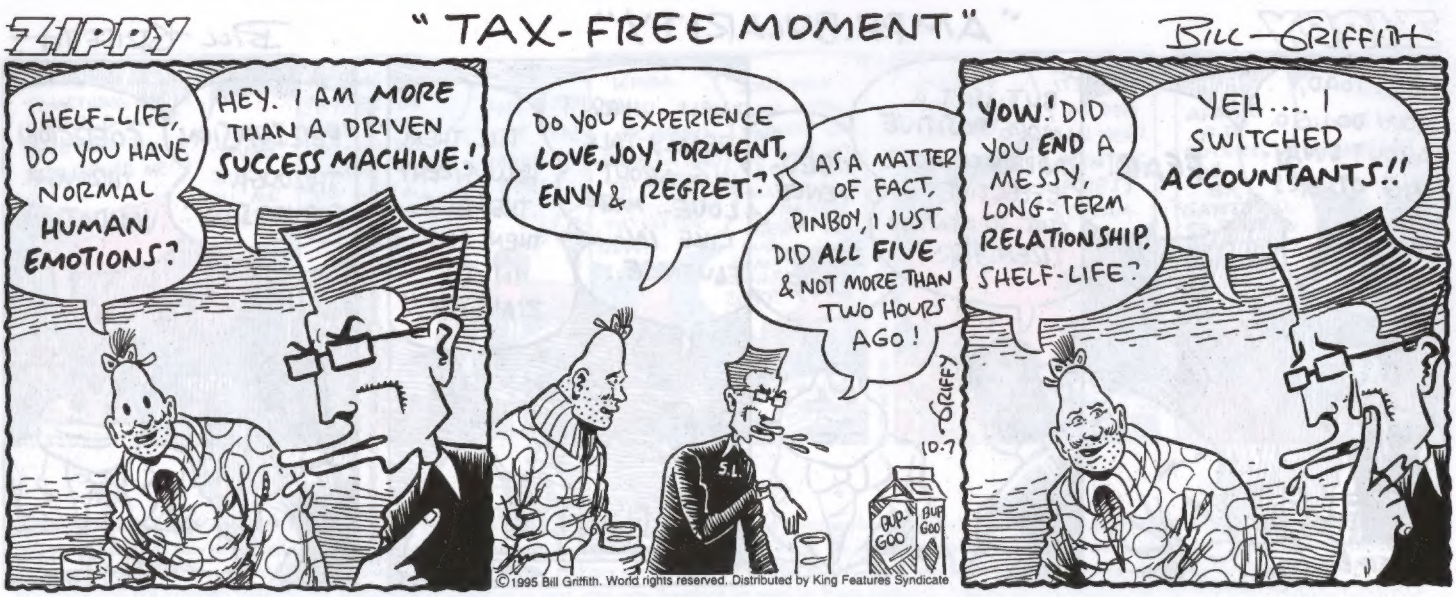
ZEN PHILOSOPHY FROM YOU, SHELF-LIFE? TH' MAN WITH TH' PLAN? TH' BOY WITH TH' TOY? TH' DUDE WITH TH' ATTITUDE?
I AM INHABITING MY LIFE, PALSY! I AM CENTERED!
SPEW THE NEW
LAST TIME I CHECKED, CONSTANT SCHEMING & INNER PEACE WEREN'T EXACTLY SOULMATES, S.L.!
I SCHEME, THEREFORE I DREAM!
GRIFFY 10-6
POO
SHELF-LIFE, HAVE YOU BEEN HANGING OUT WITH TH' TOAD LATELY?
MORE BANG TO TH' HANG!!
I'M GIVING HIM APHORISM LESSONS.
POO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"TAX-FREE MOMENT"
BILL GRIFFITH
SHELF-LIFE, DO YOU HAVE NORMAL HUMAN EMOTIONS?
HEY. I AM MORE THAN A DRIVEN SUCCESS MACHINE!
DO YOU EXPERIENCE LOVE, JOY, TORMENT, ENVY & REGRET?
AS A MATTER OF FACT, PINBOY, I JUST DID ALL FIVE & NOT MORE THAN TWO HOURS AGO!
S.L.
BUP-GOO
BUP GOO
GRIFFY 10-7
YOW! DID YOU END A MESSY, LONG-TERM RELATIONSHIP, SHELF-LIFE?
YEH.... I SWITCHED ACCOUNTANTS!!
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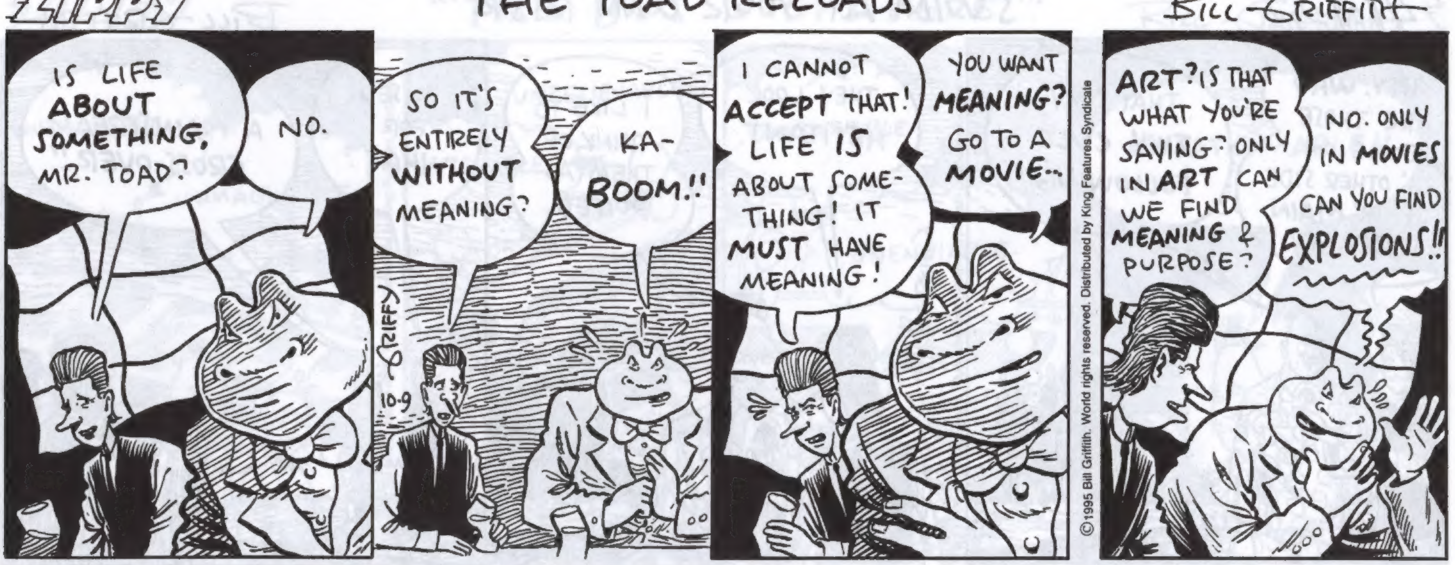
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"THE TOAD RELOADS"
BILL GRIFFITH
IS LIFE ABOUT SOMETHING, MR. TOAD?
NO.
SO IT'S ENTIRELY WITHOUT MEANING?
KA-BOOM!!
GRIFFY
10-9
I CANNOT ACCEPT THAT! LIFE IS ABOUT SOMETHING! IT MUST HAVE MEANING!
YOU WANT MEANING? GO TO A MOVIE...
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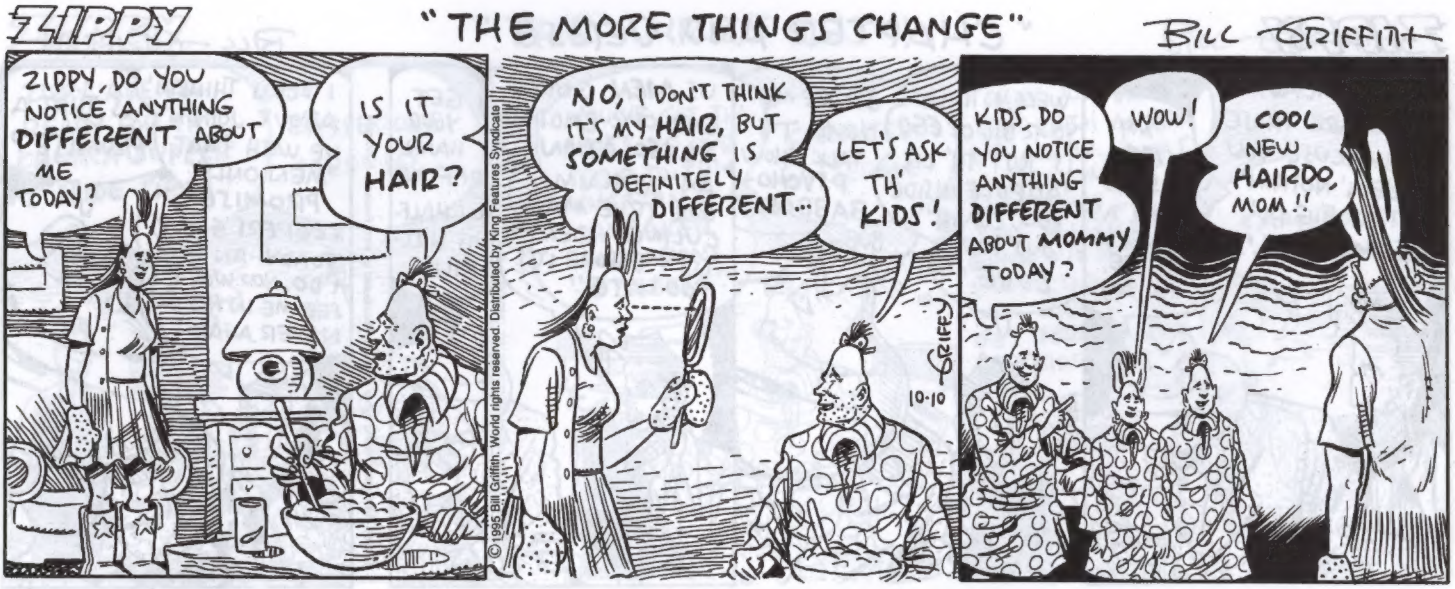
ART? IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING? ONLY IN ART CAN WE FIND MEANING & PURPOSE?
NO. ONLY IN MOVIES CAN YOU FIND EXPLOSIONS!!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"THE MORE THINGS CHANGE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, DO YOU NOTICE ANYTHING DIFFERENT ABOUT ME TODAY?
IS IT YOUR HAIR?
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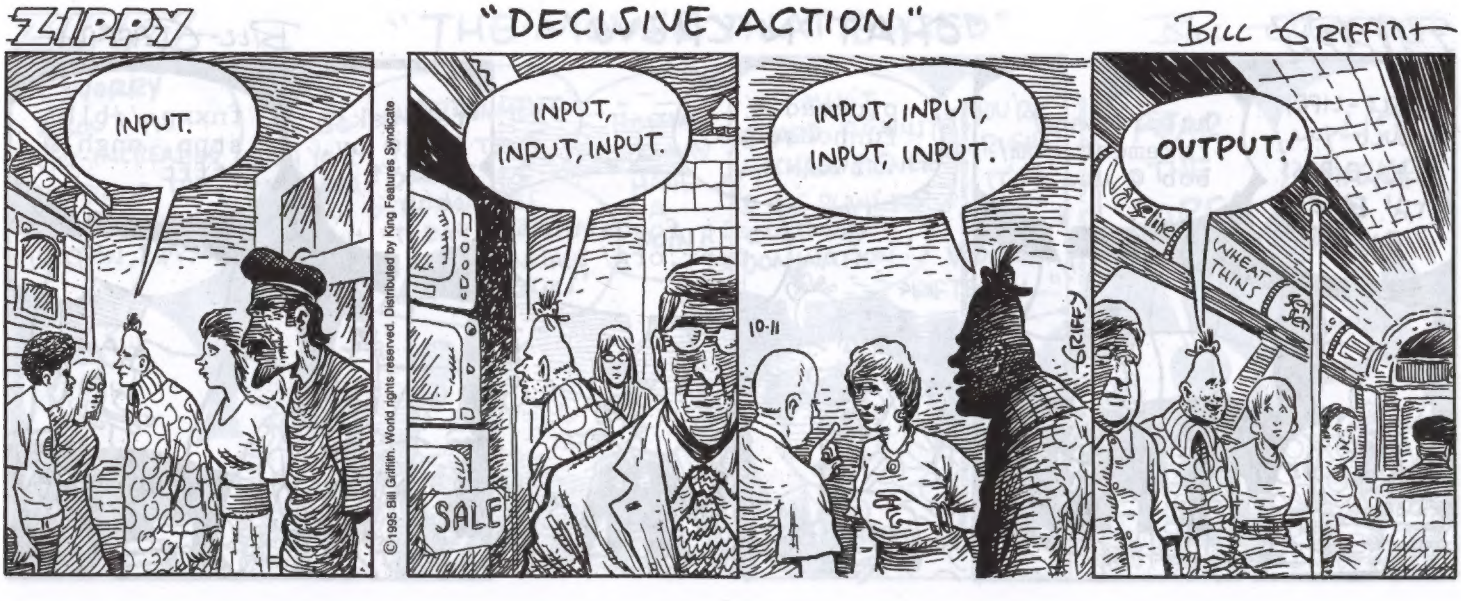
NO, I DON'T THINK IT'S MY HAIR, BUT SOMETHING IS DEFINITELY DIFFERENT...
LET'S ASK TH' KIDS!
GRIFFY
10-10
KIDS, DO YOU NOTICE ANYTHING DIFFERENT ABOUT MOMMY TODAY?
WOW!
COOL NEW HAIRDO, MOM!!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"DECISIVE ACTION"
BILL GRIFFITH
INPUT.
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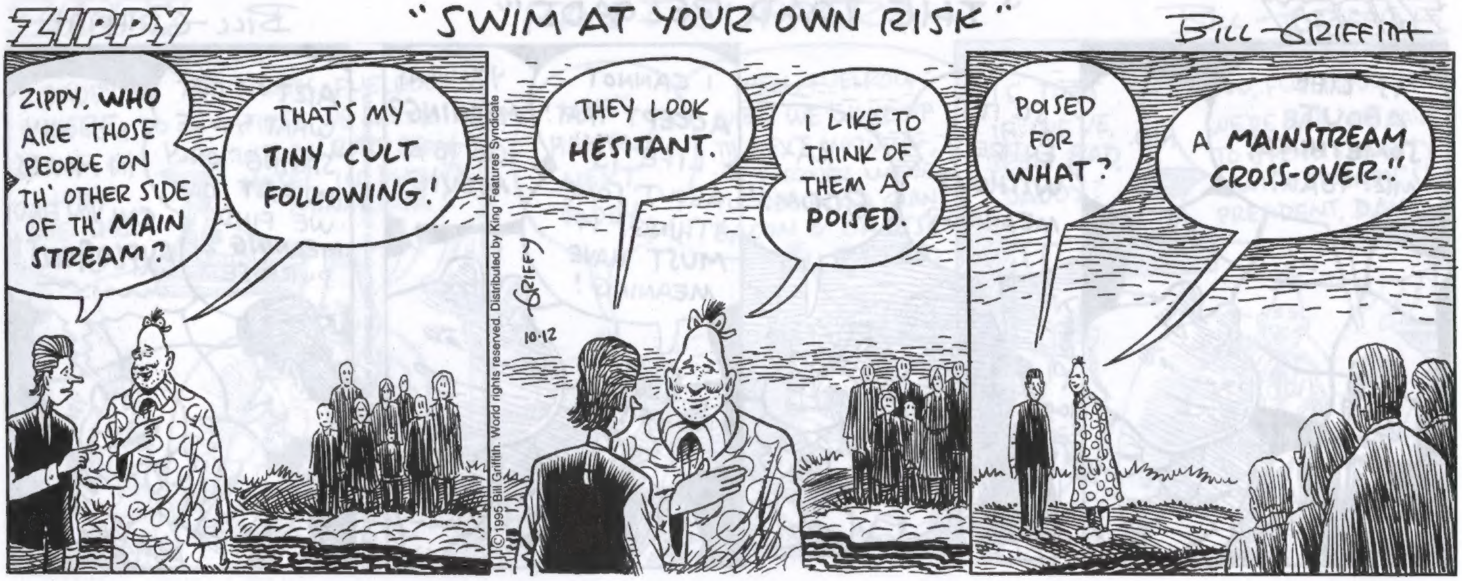
INPUT, INPUT, INPUT.
SALE
INPUT, INPUT, INPUT, INPUT.
10-11
GRIFFY
OUTPUT!
WHEAT THINS
Vaseline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"SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY. WHO ARE THOSE PEOPLE ON TH' OTHER SIDE OF TH' MAIN STREAM?
THAT'S MY TINY CULT FOLLOWING!
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GRIFFY
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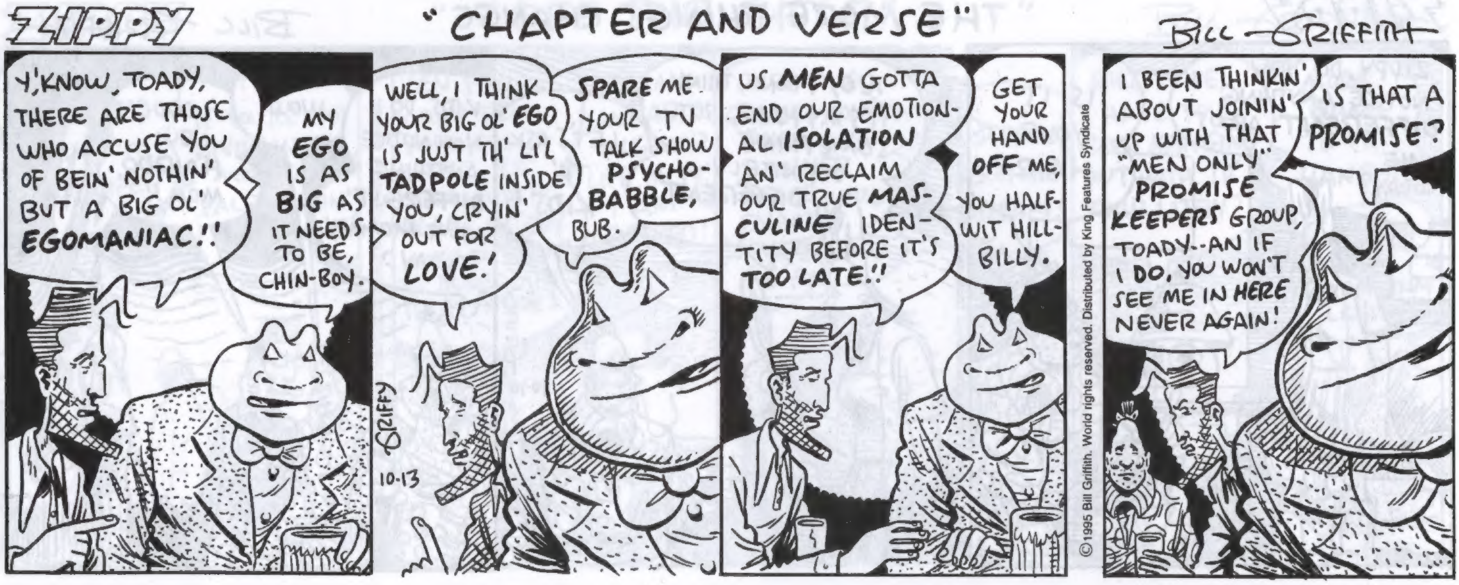
THEY LOOK HESITANT.
I LIKE TO THINK OF THEM AS POISED.
POISED FOR WHAT?
A MAINSTREAM CROSS-OVER!!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"CHAPTER AND VERSE"
BILL GRIFFITH
Y'KNOW, TOADY, THERE ARE THOSE WHO ACCUSE YOU OF BEIN' NOTHIN' BUT A BIG OL' EGOMANIAC!!
MY EGO IS AS BIG AS IT NEEDS TO BE, CHIN-BOY.
WELL, I THINK YOUR BIG OL' EGO IS JUST TH' LI'L TADPOLE INSIDE YOU, CRYIN' OUT FOR LOVE!
SPARE ME YOUR TV TALK SHOW PSYCHOBABBLE, BUB.
GRIFFY
10-13
US MEN GOTTA END OUR EMOTIONAL ISOLATION AN' RECLAIM OUR TRUE MASCULINE IDENTITY BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!!
GET YOUR HAND OFF ME, YOU HALF-WIT HILLBILLY.
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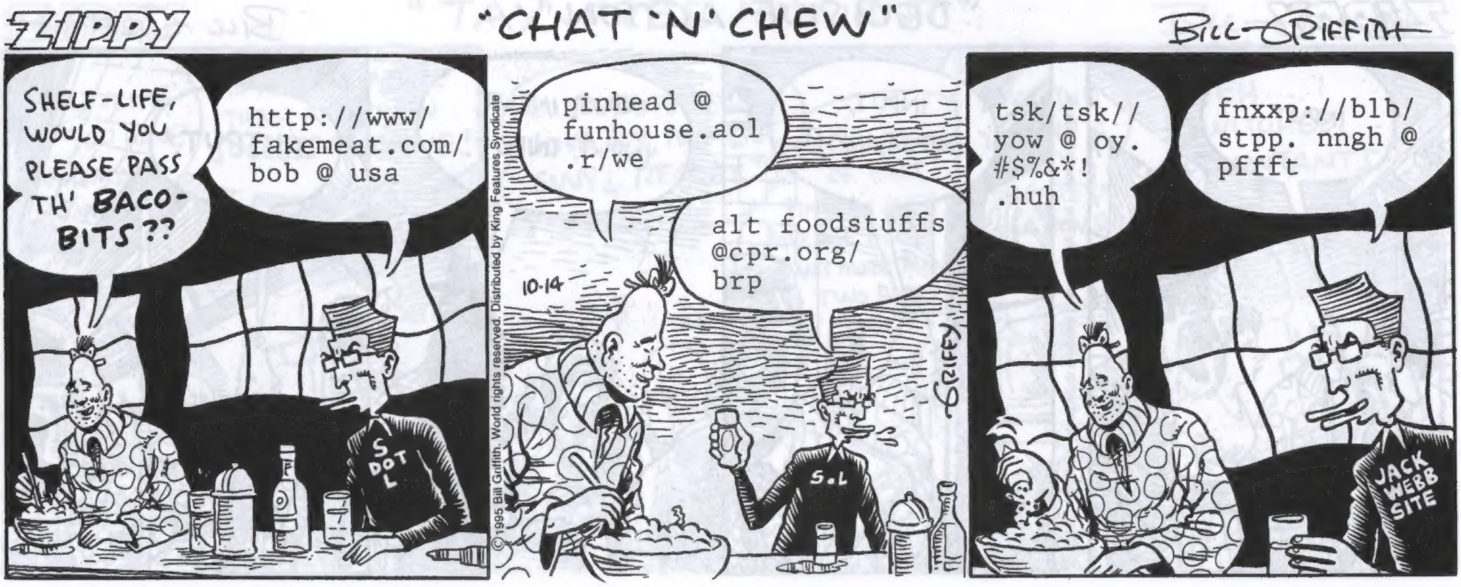
I BEEN THINKIN' ABOUT JOININ' UP WITH THAT "MEN ONLY" PROMISE KEEPERS GROUP, TOADY--AN IF I DO, YOU WON'T SEE ME IN HERE NEVER AGAIN!
IS THAT A PROMISE?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"CHAT 'N' CHEW"
BILL GRIFFITH
SHELF-LIFE, WOULD YOU PLEASE PASS TH' BACO-BITS??
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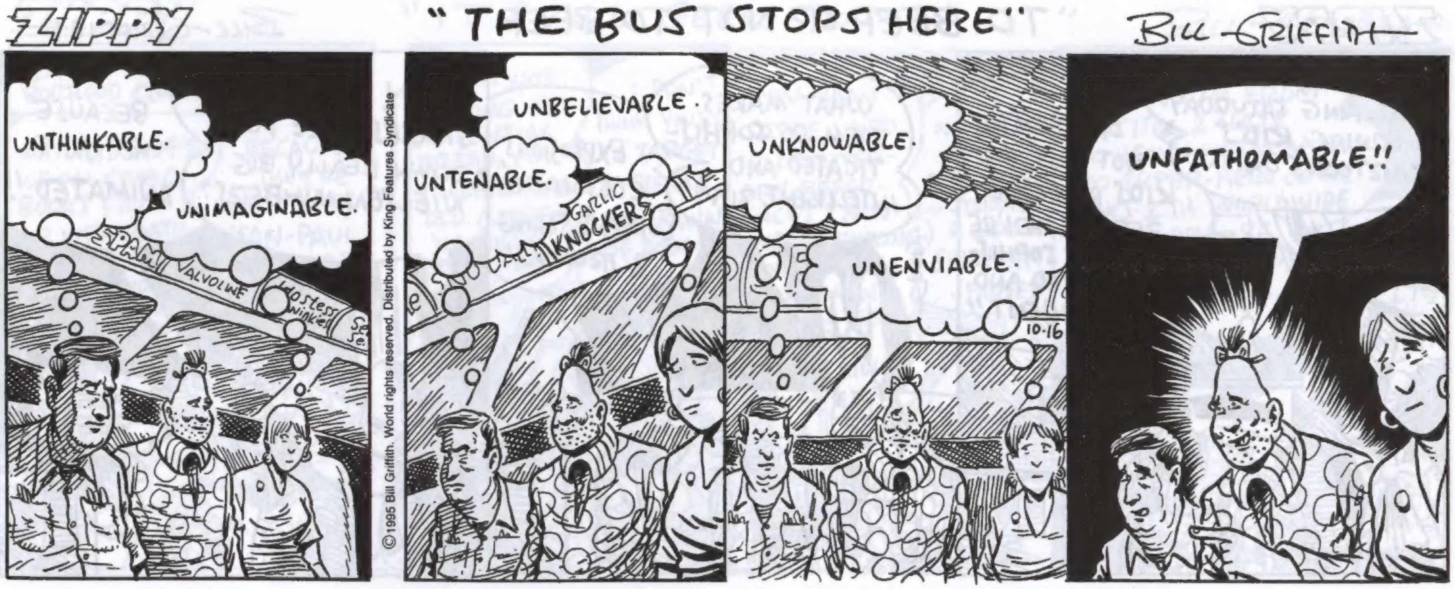
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"THE BUS STOPS HERE"
BILL GRIFFITH
UNTHINKABLE.
UNIMAGINABLE.
SPAM
VALVOLINE
HOSTESS TWINKIES
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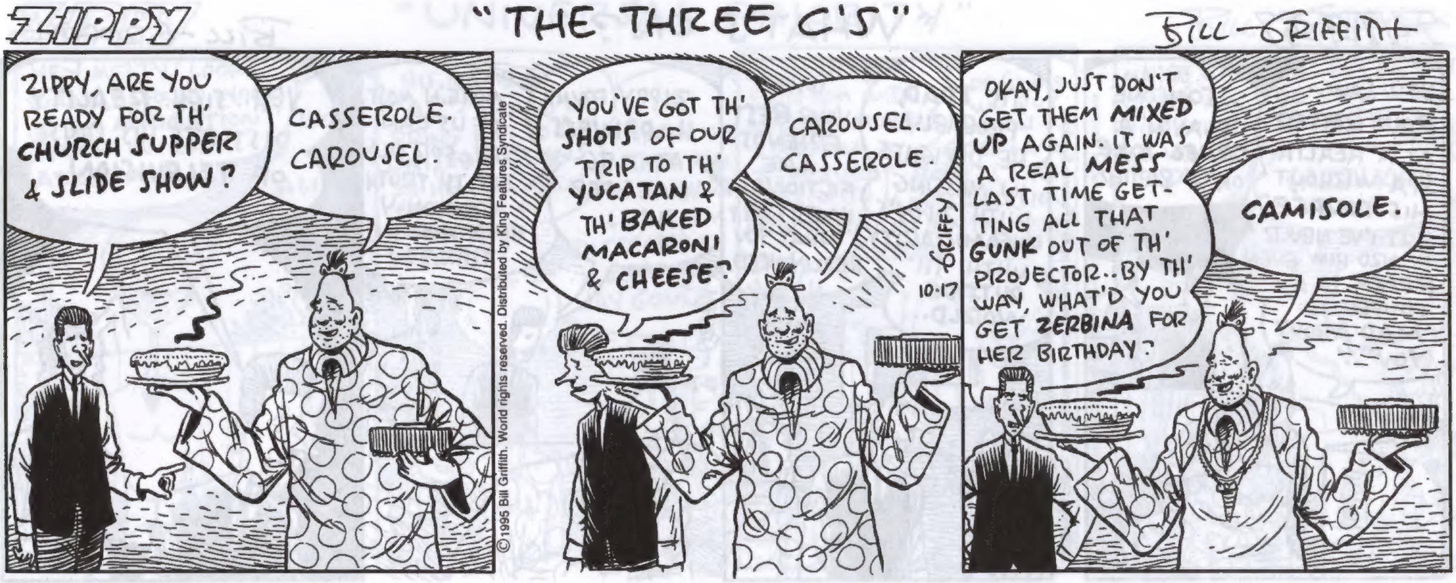
UNBELIEVABLE.
UNTENABLE.
GARLIC KNOCKERS
UNKNOWABLE.
UNENVIABLE.
10-16
UNFATHOMABLE!!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"THE THREE C'S"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, ARE YOU READY FOR TH' CHURCH SUPPER & SLIDE SHOW?
CASSEROLE. CAROUSEL.
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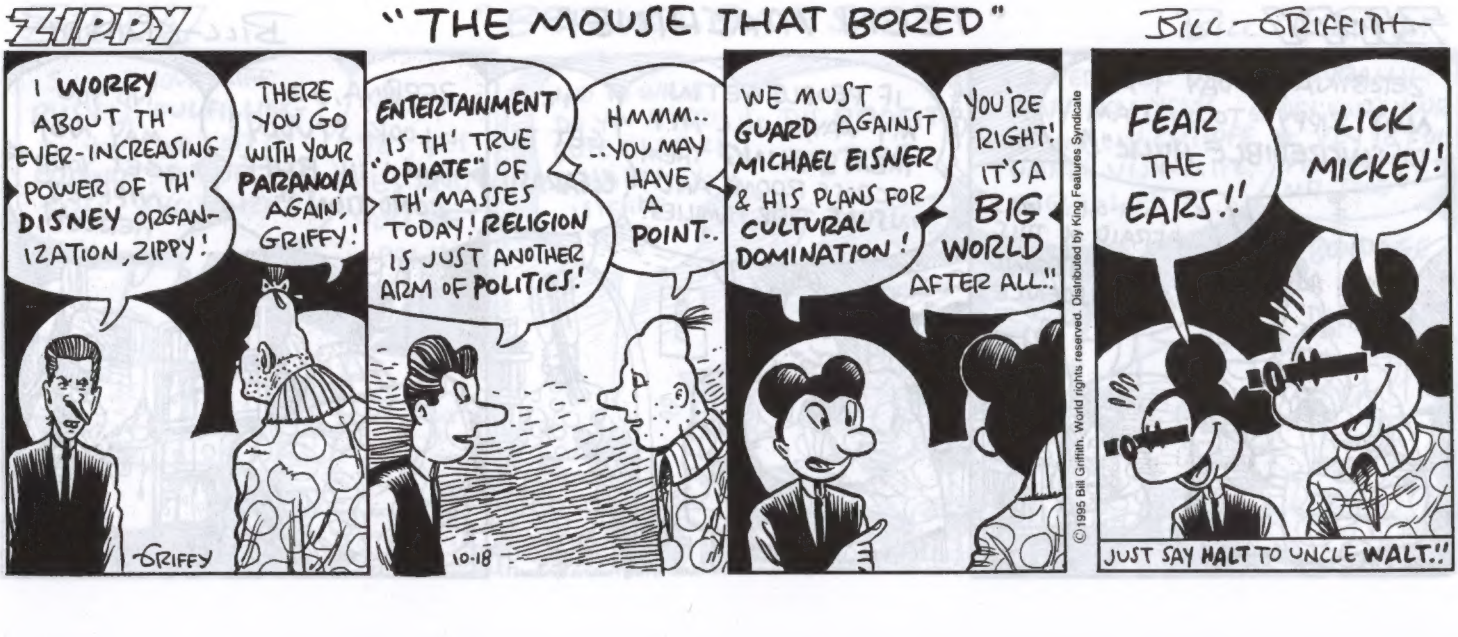
YOU'VE GOT TH' SHOTS OF OUR TRIP TO TH' YUCATAN & TH' BAKED MACARONI & CHEESE?
CAROUSEL. CASSEROLE.
GRIFFY
10-17
OKAY, JUST DON'T GET THEM MIXED UP AGAIN. IT WAS A REAL MESS LAST TIME GETTING ALL THAT GUNK OUT OF TH' PROJECTOR.. BY TH' WAY, WHAT'D YOU GET ZERBINA FOR HER BIRTHDAY?
CAMISOLE.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"THE MOUSE THAT BORED"
BILL GRIFFITH
I WORRY ABOUT TH' EVER-INCREASING POWER OF TH' DISNEY ORGANIZATION, ZIPPY!
THERE YOU GO WITH YOUR PARANOIA AGAIN, GRIFFY!
GRIFFY
ENTERTAINMENT IS TH' TRUE "OPIATE" OF TH' MASSES TODAY! RELIGION IS JUST ANOTHER ARM OF POLITICS!
HMMM.. ..YOU MAY HAVE A POINT..
10-18
WE MUST GUARD AGAINST MICHAEL EISNER & HIS PLANS FOR CULTURAL DOMINATION!
YOU'RE RIGHT! IT'S A BIG WORLD AFTER ALL!!
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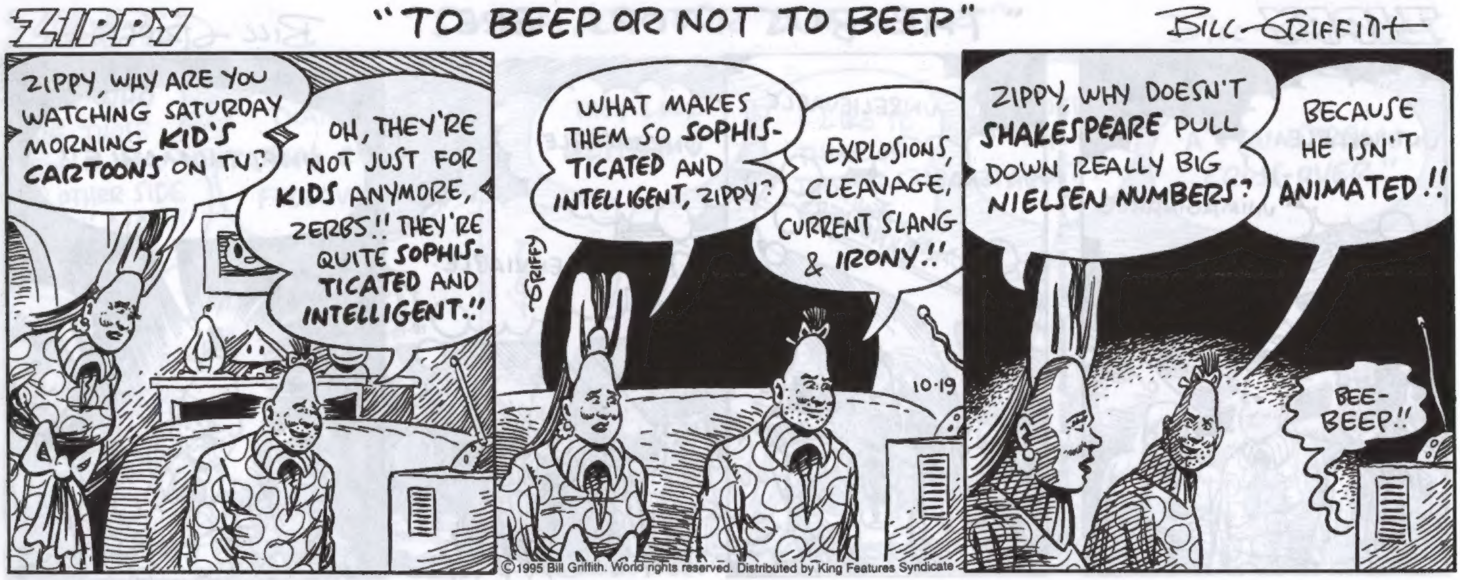
FEAR THE EARS!!
LICK MICKEY!
JUST SAY HALT TO UNCLE WALT!!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"TO BEEP OR NOT TO BEEP"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, WHY ARE YOU WATCHING SATURDAY MORNING **KID'S CARTOONS** ON TV?
OH, THEY'RE NOT JUST FOR **KIDS** ANYMORE, ZERBS!! THEY'RE QUITE **SOPHISTICATED AND INTELLIGENT**!!
WHAT MAKES THEM SO **SOPHISTICATED AND INTELLIGENT**, ZIPPY?
EXPLOSIONS, CLEAVAGE, CURRENT SLANG & **IRONY**!!
GRIFFY
10-19
ZIPPY, WHY DOESN'T **SHAKESPEARE** PULL DOWN REALLY BIG **NIELSEN NUMBERS**?
BECAUSE HE ISN'T **ANIMATED**!!
BEE-BEEP!!
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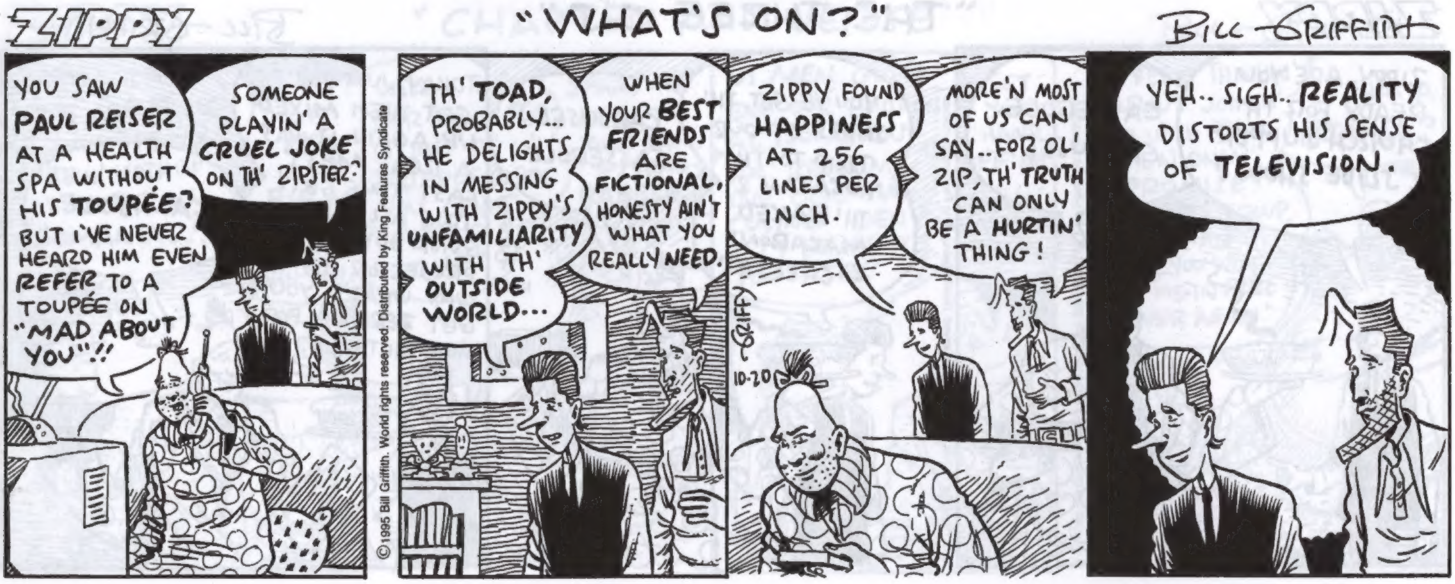
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"WHAT'S ON?"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU SAW **PAUL REISER** AT A HEALTH SPA WITHOUT HIS **TOUPÉE**? BUT I'VE NEVER HEARD HIM EVEN **REFER** TO A TOUPÉE ON **"MAD ABOUT YOU"**!!
SOMEONE PLAYIN' A **CRUEL JOKE** ON TH' ZIPSTER?
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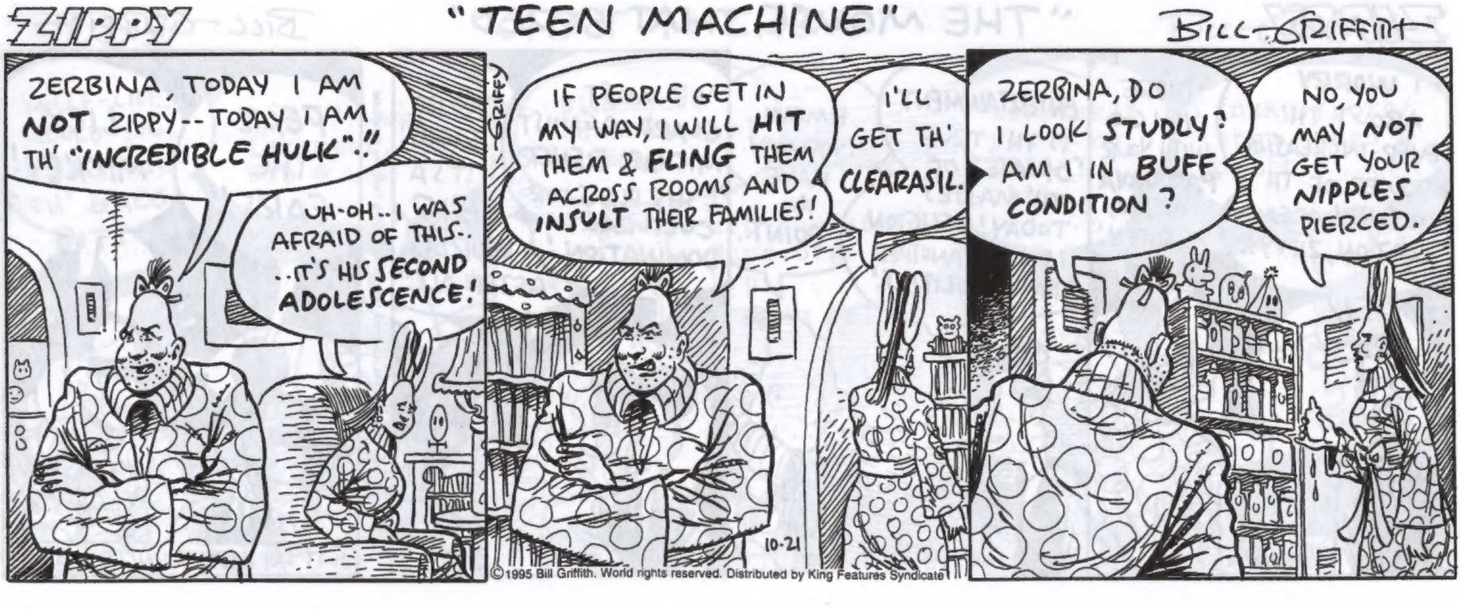
TH' **TOAD**, PROBABLY... HE DELIGHTS IN MESSING WITH ZIPPY'S **UNFAMILIARITY** WITH TH' **OUTSIDE WORLD**...
WHEN YOUR **BEST FRIENDS** ARE **FICTIONAL**, HONESTY AIN'T WHAT YOU REALLY **NEED**.
GRIFFY
10-20
ZIPPY FOUND **HAPPINESS** AT 256 LINES PER INCH.
MORE'N MOST OF US CAN SAY.. FOR OL' ZIP, TH' **TRUTH** CAN ONLY BE A **HURTIN'** THING!
YEH.. SIGH.. **REALITY** DISTORTS HIS SENSE OF **TELEVISION**.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"TEEN MACHINE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZERBINA, TODAY I AM **NOT** ZIPPY-- TODAY I AM TH' **"INCREDIBLE HULK"**!!
UH-OH.. I WAS AFRAID OF THIS.. ..IT'S HIS **SECOND ADOLESCENCE**!
GRIFFY
IF PEOPLE GET IN MY WAY, I WILL **HIT** THEM & **FLING** THEM ACROSS ROOMS AND **INSULT** THEIR FAMILIES!
I'LL GET TH' **CLEARASIL**.
10-21
ZERBINA, DO I LOOK **STUDLY**? AM I IN **BUFF CONDITION**?
NO, YOU MAY **NOT** GET YOUR **NIPPLES** PIERCED.
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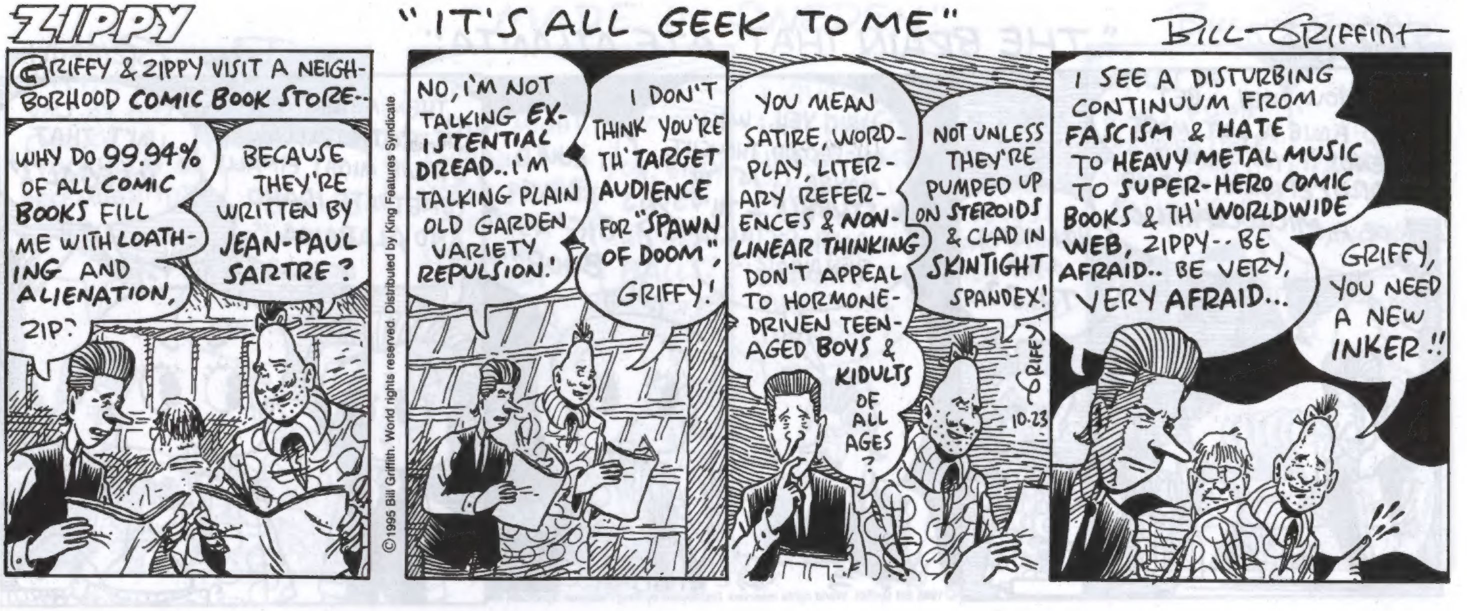
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"IT'S ALL GEEK TO ME"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY & ZIPPY VISIT A NEIGHBORHOOD COMIC BOOK STORE..
WHY DO 99.94% OF ALL COMIC BOOKS FILL ME WITH LOATHING AND ALIENATION, ZIP?
BECAUSE THEY'RE WRITTEN BY JEAN-PAUL SARTRE?
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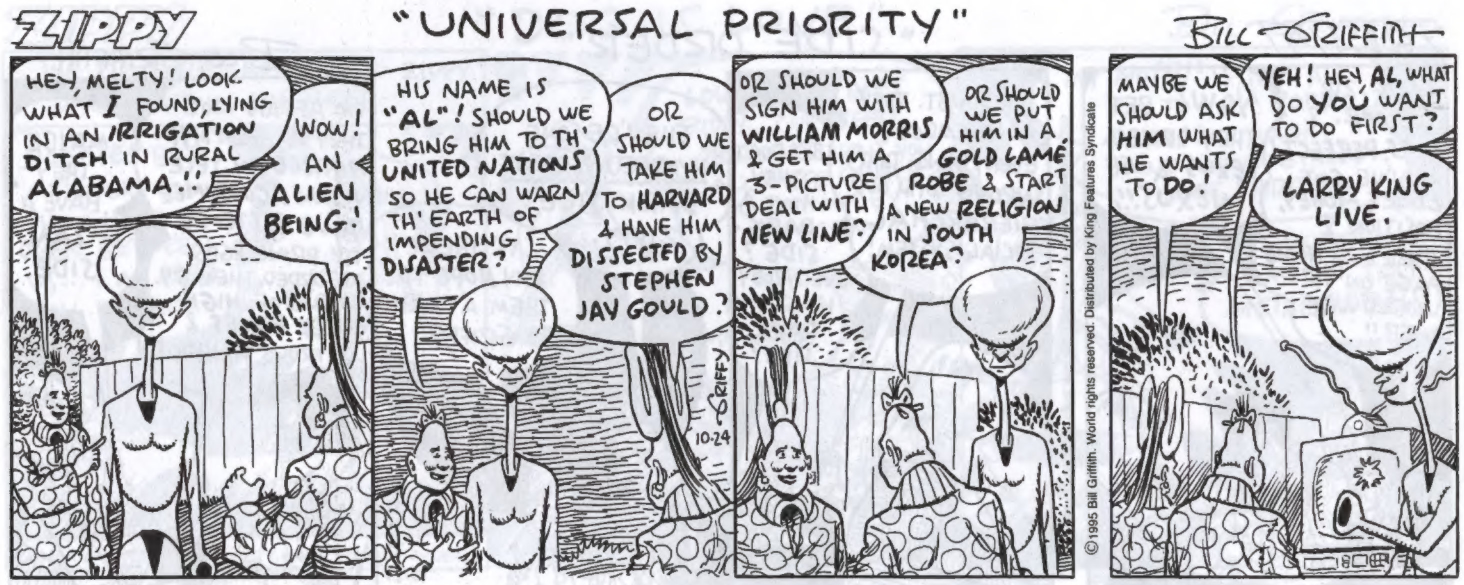
NO, I'M NOT TALKING EXISTENTIAL DREAD.. I'M TALKING PLAIN OLD GARDEN VARIETY REPULSION!
I DON'T THINK YOU'RE TH' TARGET AUDIENCE FOR "SPAWN OF DOOM", GRIFFY!
YOU MEAN SATIRE, WORDPLAY, LITERARY REFERENCES & NON-LINEAR THINKING DON'T APPEAL TO HORMONE-DRIVEN TEEN-AGED BOYS & KIDULTS OF ALL AGES?
NOT UNLESS THEY'RE PUMPED UP ON STEROIDS & CLAD IN SKINTIGHT SPANDEX!
GRIFFY
10-23
I SEE A DISTURBING CONTINUUM FROM FASCISM & HATE TO HEAVY METAL MUSIC TO SUPER-HERO COMIC BOOKS & TH' WORLDWIDE WEB, ZIPPY-- BE AFRAID.. BE VERY, VERY AFRAID...
GRIFFY, YOU NEED A NEW INKER!!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"UNIVERSAL PRIORITY"
BILL GRIFFITH
HEY, MELTY! LOOK WHAT I FOUND, LYING IN AN IRRIGATION DITCH IN RURAL ALABAMA!!
WOW! AN ALIEN BEING!
HIS NAME IS "AL"! SHOULD WE BRING HIM TO TH' UNITED NATIONS SO HE CAN WARN TH' EARTH OF IMPENDING DISASTER?
OR SHOULD WE TAKE HIM TO HARVARD & HAVE HIM DISSECTED BY STEPHEN JAY GOULD?
GRIFFY
10-24
OR SHOULD WE SIGN HIM WITH WILLIAM MORRIS & GET HIM A 3-PICTURE DEAL WITH NEW LINE?
OR SHOULD WE PUT HIM IN A GOLD LAMÉ ROBE & START A NEW RELIGION IN SOUTH KOREA?
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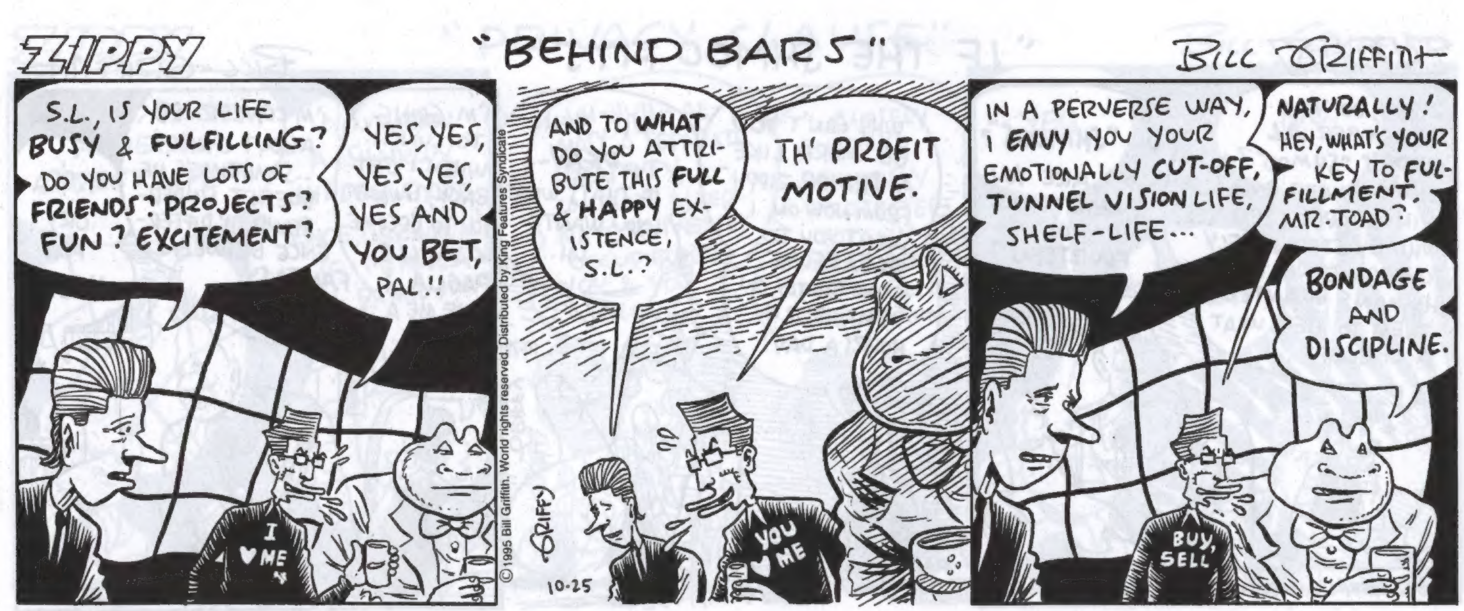
MAYBE WE SHOULD ASK HIM WHAT HE WANTS TO DO!
YEH! HEY, AL, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO FIRST?
LARRY KING LIVE.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"BEHIND BARS"
BILL GRIFFITH
S.L., IS YOUR LIFE BUSY & FULFILLING? DO YOU HAVE LOTS OF FRIENDS? PROJECTS? FUN? EXCITEMENT?
YES, YES, YES, YES, YES AND YOU BET, PAL!!
I ♥ ME
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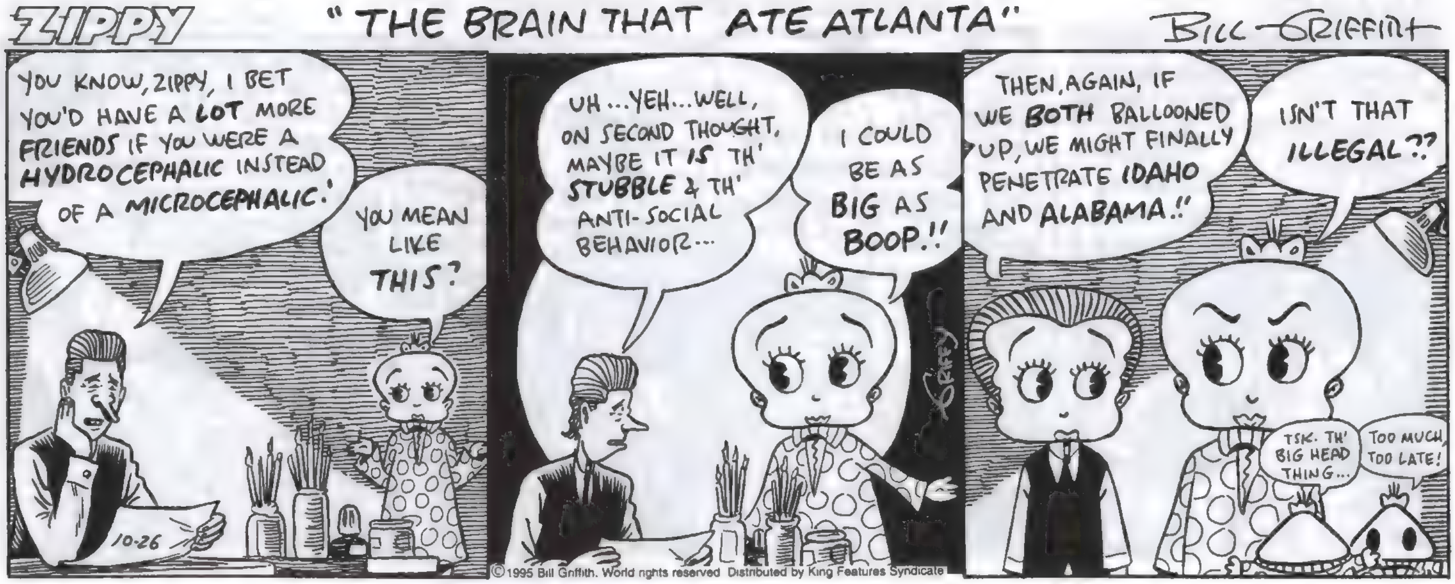
AND TO WHAT DO YOU ATTRIBUTE THIS FULL & HAPPY EXISTENCE, S.L.?
TH' PROFIT MOTIVE.
GRIFFY
10-25
YOU ♥ ME
IN A PERVERSE WAY, I ENVY YOU YOUR EMOTIONALLY CUT-OFF, TUNNEL VISION LIFE, SHELF-LIFE...
NATURALLY! HEY, WHAT'S YOUR KEY TO FULFILLMENT, MR. TOAD?
BONDAGE AND DISCIPLINE.
BUY, SELL


ZIPPY
"THE BRAIN THAT ATE ATLANTA"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU KNOW, ZIPPY, I BET YOU'D HAVE A LOT MORE FRIENDS IF YOU WERE A HYDROCEPHALIC INSTEAD OF A MICROCEPHALIC!
YOU MEAN LIKE THIS?
10-26
UH...YEH...WELL, ON SECOND THOUGHT, MAYBE IT IS TH' STUBBLE & TH' ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR...
I COULD BE AS BIG AS BOOP!!
GRIFFY
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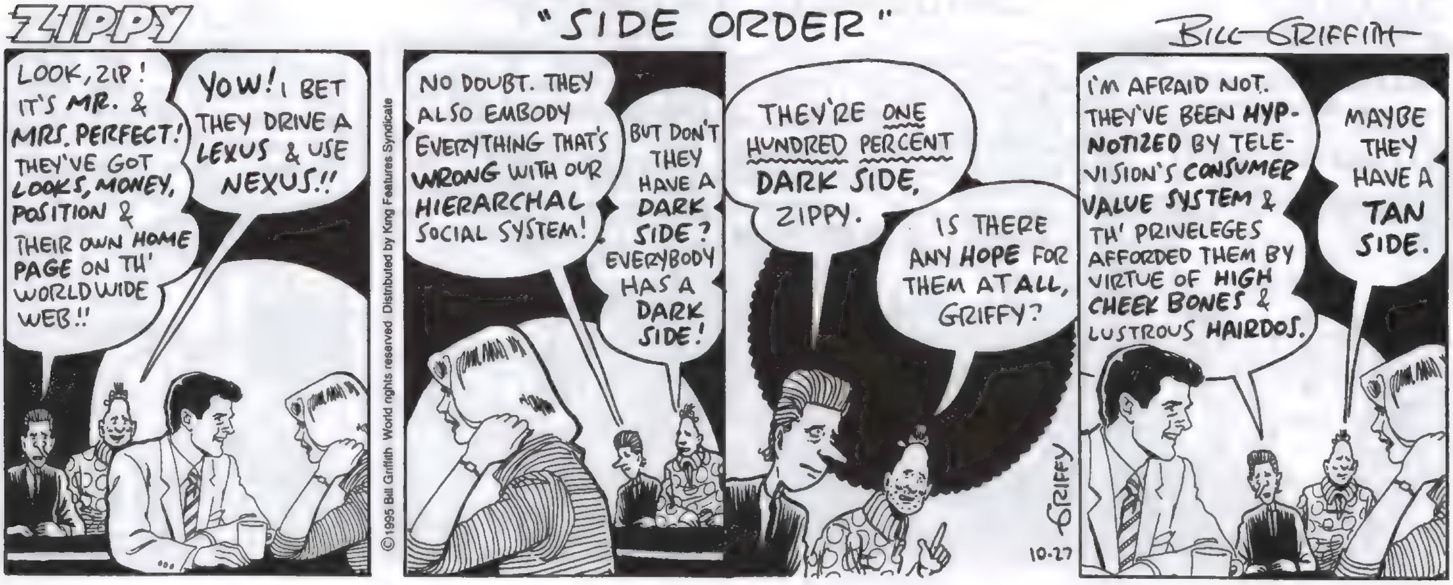
THEN, AGAIN, IF WE BOTH BALLOONED UP, WE MIGHT FINALLY PENETRATE IDAHO AND ALABAMA!!
ISN'T THAT ILLEGAL??
TSK. TH' BIG HEAD THING...
TOO MUCH, TOO LATE!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"SIDE ORDER"
BILL GRIFFITH
LOOK, ZIP! IT'S MR. & MRS. PERFECT! THEY'VE GOT LOOKS, MONEY, POSITION & THEIR OWN HOME PAGE ON TH' WORLDWIDE WEB!!
YOW! I BET THEY DRIVE A LEXUS & USE NEXUS!!
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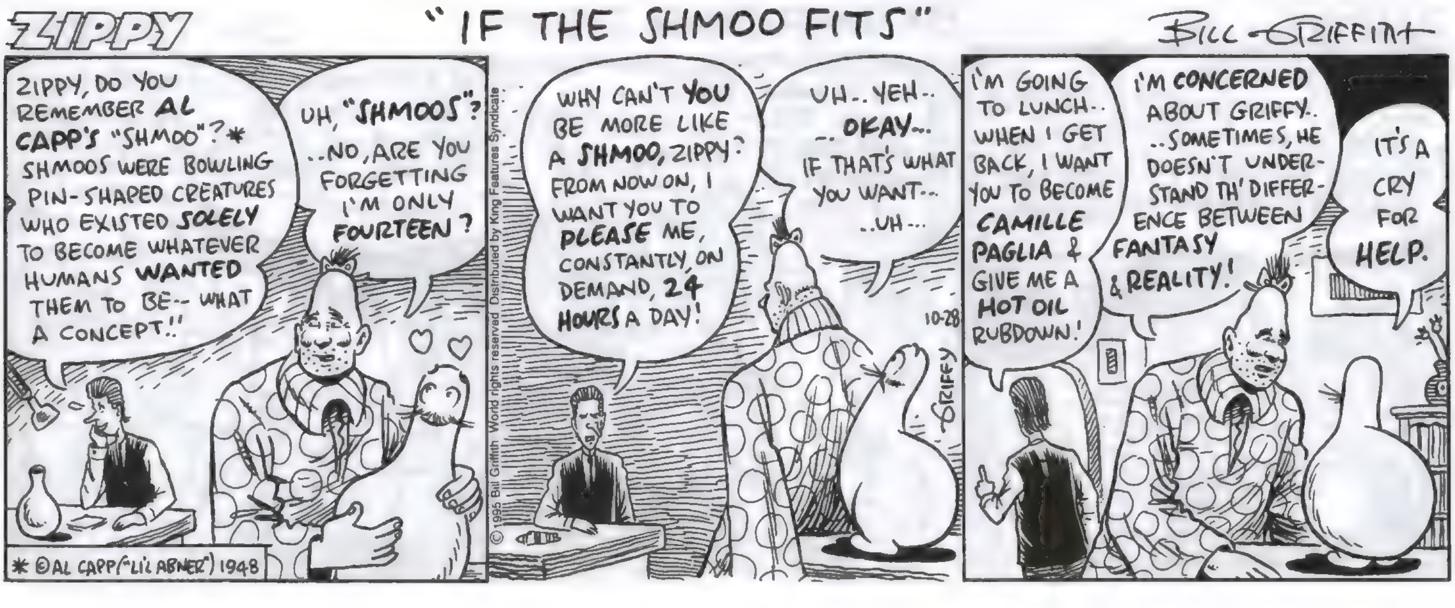
NO DOUBT. THEY ALSO EMBODY EVERYTHING THAT'S WRONG WITH OUR HIERARCHAL SOCIAL SYSTEM!
BUT DON'T THEY HAVE A DARK SIDE? EVERYBODY HAS A DARK SIDE!
THEY'RE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT DARK SIDE, ZIPPY.
IS THERE ANY HOPE FOR THEM AT ALL, GRIFFY?
GRIFFY
10-27
I'M AFRAID NOT. THEY'VE BEEN HYPNOTIZED BY TELEVISION'S CONSUMER VALUE SYSTEM & TH' PRIVELEGES AFFORDED THEM BY VIRTUE OF HIGH CHEEK BONES & LUSTROUS HAIRDOS.
MAYBE THEY HAVE A TAN SIDE.


ZIPPY
"IF THE SHMOO FITS"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, DO YOU REMEMBER AL CAPP'S "SHMOO"?* SHMOOS WERE BOWLING PIN-SHAPED CREATURES WHO EXISTED SOLELY TO BECOME WHATEVER HUMANS WANTED THEM TO BE-- WHAT A CONCEPT!!
UH, "SHMOOS"? ..NO, ARE YOU FORGETTING I'M ONLY FOURTEEN?
* ©AL CAPP ("LI'L ABNER") 1948
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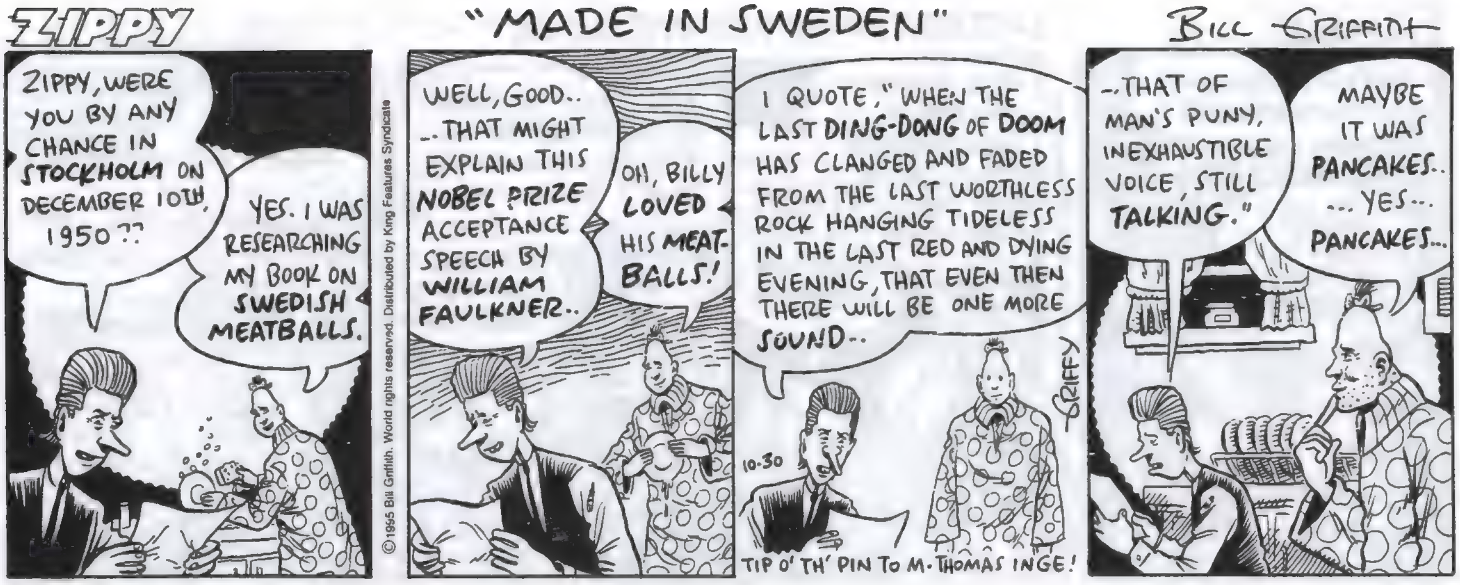
WHY CAN'T YOU BE MORE LIKE A SHMOO, ZIPPY? FROM NOW ON, I WANT YOU TO PLEASE ME, CONSTANTLY, ON DEMAND, 24 HOURS A DAY!
UH.. YEH.. ..OKAY... IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT... ..UH...
10-28
GRIFFY
I'M GOING TO LUNCH.. WHEN I GET BACK, I WANT YOU TO BECOME CAMILLE PAGLIA & GIVE ME A HOT OIL RUBDOWN!
I'M CONCERNED ABOUT GRIFFY.. ..SOMETIMES, HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND TH' DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FANTASY & REALITY!
IT'S A CRY FOR HELP.


ZIPPY
"MADE IN SWEDEN"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, WERE YOU BY ANY CHANCE IN STOCKHOLM ON DECEMBER 10TH, 1950??
YES. I WAS RESEARCHING MY BOOK ON SWEDISH MEATBALLS.
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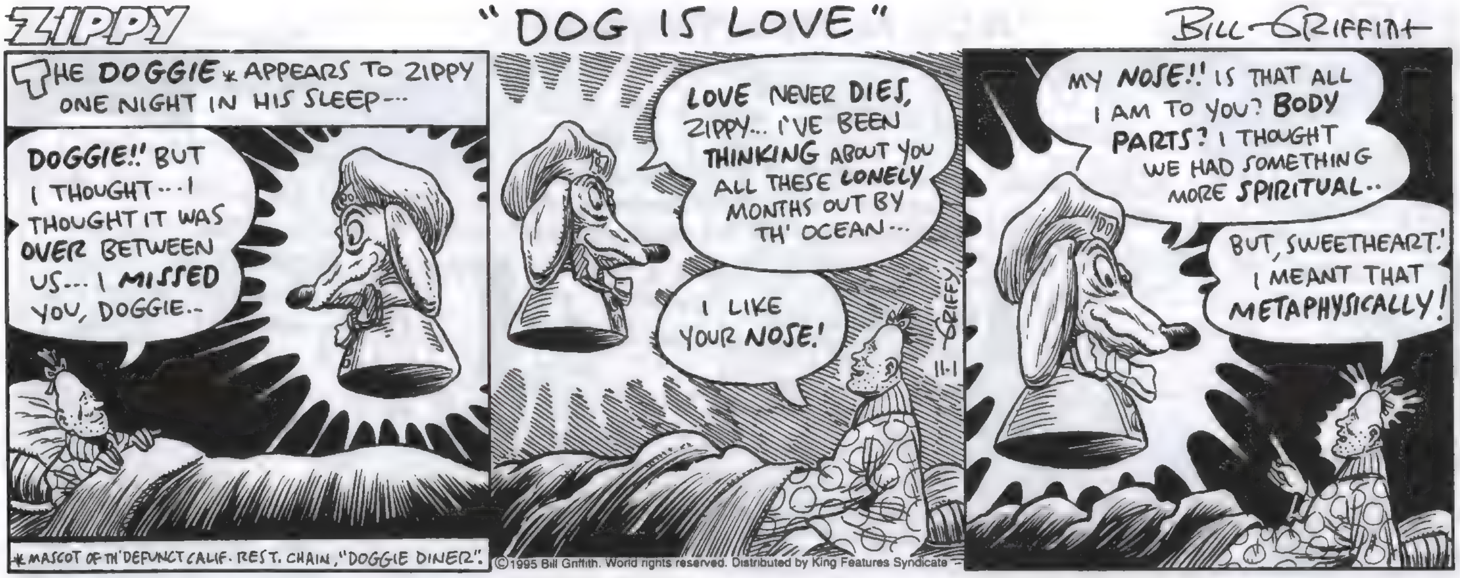
WELL, GOOD.. ..THAT MIGHT EXPLAIN THIS NOBEL PRIZE ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY WILLIAM FAULKNER..
OH, BILLY LOVED HIS MEATBALLS!
I QUOTE, "WHEN THE LAST DING-DONG OF DOOM HAS CLANGED AND FADED FROM THE LAST WORTHLESS ROCK HANGING TIDELESS IN THE LAST RED AND DYING EVENING, THAT EVEN THEN THERE WILL BE ONE MORE SOUND..
GRIFFY
10-30
TIP O' TH' PIN TO M. THOMAS INGE!
..THAT OF MAN'S PUNY, INEXHAUSTIBLE VOICE, STILL TALKING."
MAYBE IT WAS PANCAKES.. ...YES... PANCAKES...


ZIPPY
"DOG IS LOVE"
BILL GRIFFITH
THE DOGGIE* APPEARS TO ZIPPY ONE NIGHT IN HIS SLEEP---
DOGGIE!! BUT I THOUGHT---I THOUGHT IT WAS OVER BETWEEN US--- I MISSED YOU, DOGGIE..
LOVE NEVER DIES, ZIPPY... I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT YOU ALL THESE LONELY MONTHS OUT BY TH' OCEAN---
I LIKE YOUR NOSE!
GRIFFY
11-1
MY NOSE!! IS THAT ALL I AM TO YOU? BODY PARTS? I THOUGHT WE HAD SOMETHING MORE SPIRITUAL..
BUT, SWEETHEART! I MEANT THAT METAPHYSICALLY!
*MASCOT OF TH' DEFUNCT CALIF. REST. CHAIN, "DOGGIE DINER".
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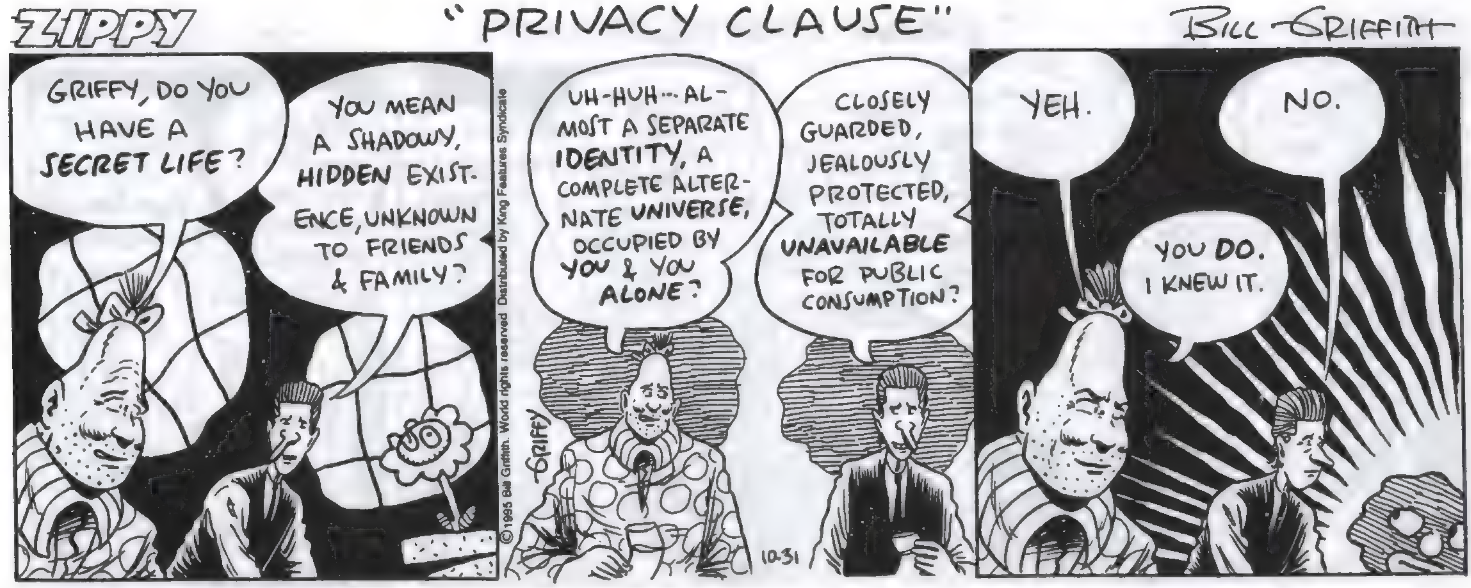
ZIPPY
"PRIVACY CLAUSE"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY, DO YOU HAVE A SECRET LIFE?
YOU MEAN A SHADOWY, HIDDEN EXISTENCE, UNKNOWN TO FRIENDS & FAMILY?
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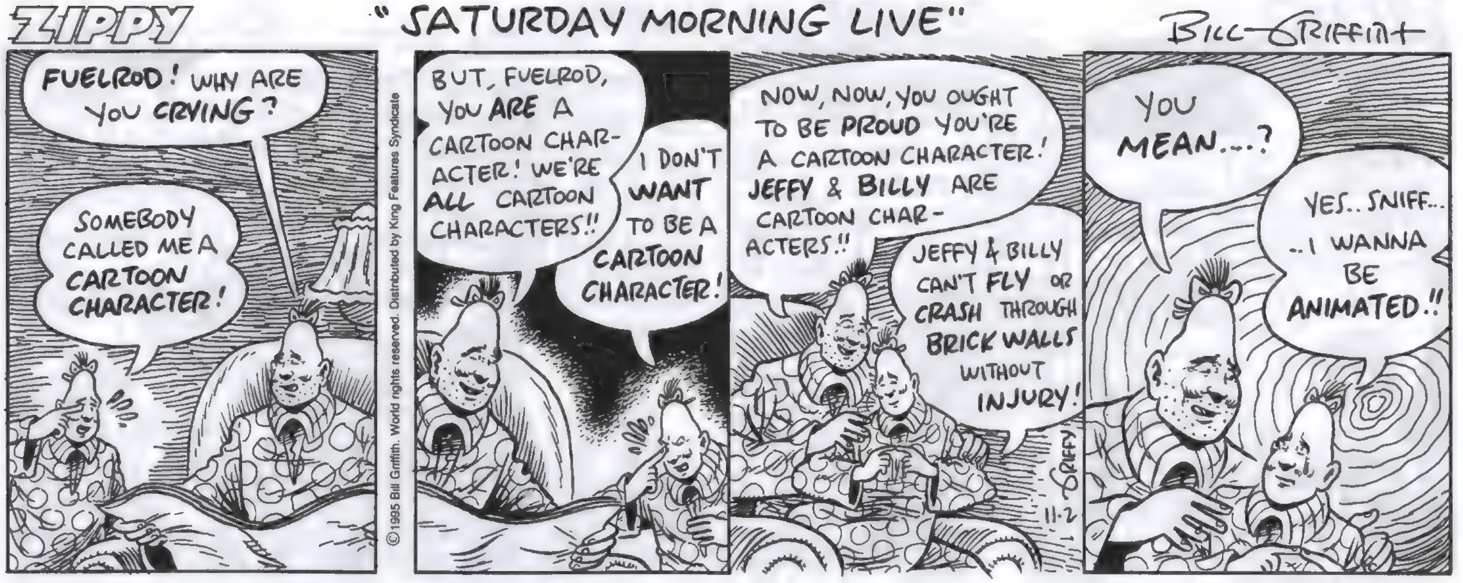
UH-HUH--ALMOST A SEPARATE IDENTITY, A COMPLETE ALTERNATE UNIVERSE, OCCUPIED BY YOU & YOU ALONE?
GRIFFY
CLOSELY GUARDED, JEALOUSLY PROTECTED, TOTALLY UNAVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION?
10-31
YEH.
NO.
YOU DO. I KNEW IT.


ZIPPY
"SATURDAY MORNING LIVE"
BILL GRIFFITH
FUELROD! WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
SOMEBODY CALLED ME A CARTOON CHARACTER!
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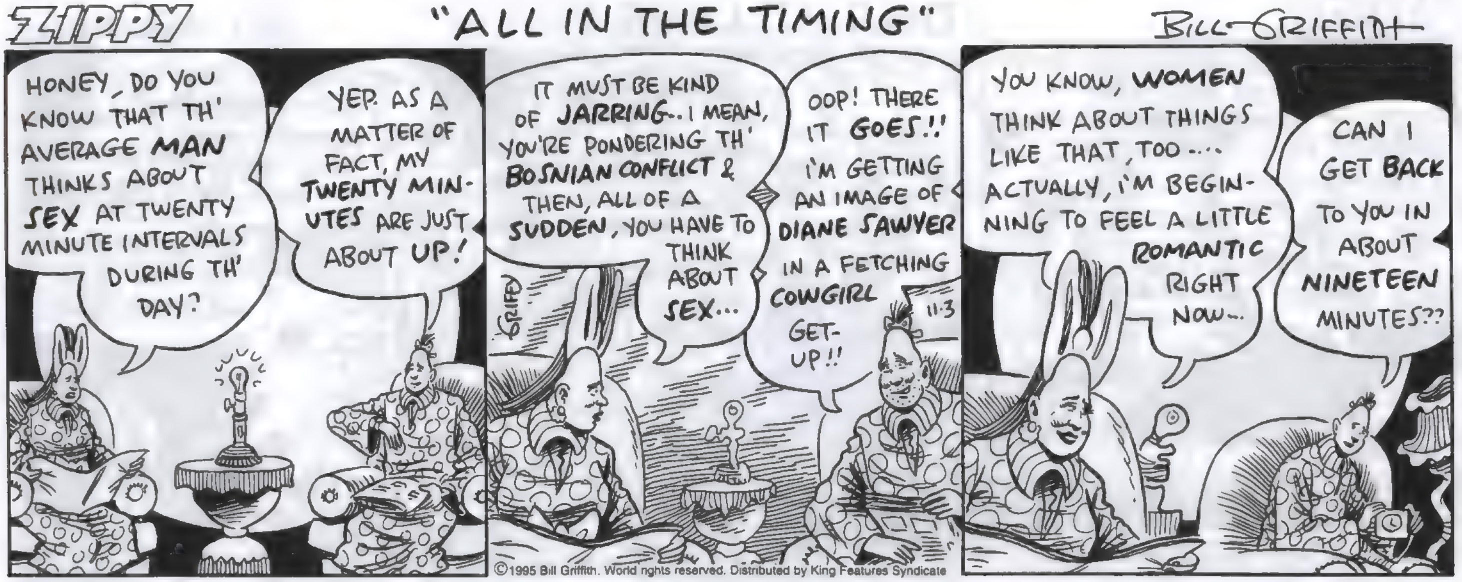
BUT, FUELROD, YOU ARE A CARTOON CHARACTER! WE'RE ALL CARTOON CHARACTERS!!
I DON'T WANT TO BE A CARTOON CHARACTER!
NOW, NOW, YOU OUGHT TO BE PROUD YOU'RE A CARTOON CHARACTER! JEFFY & BILLY ARE CARTOON CHARACTERS!!
JEFFY & BILLY CAN'T FLY OR CRASH THROUGH BRICK WALLS WITHOUT INJURY!
GRIFFY
11-2
YOU MEAN...?
YES.. SNIFF... ..I WANNA BE ANIMATED!!


ZIPPY
"ALL IN THE TIMING"
BILL GRIFFITH
HONEY, DO YOU KNOW THAT TH' AVERAGE MAN THINKS ABOUT SEX AT TWENTY MINUTE INTERVALS DURING TH' DAY?
YEP. AS A MATTER OF FACT, MY TWENTY MINUTES ARE JUST ABOUT UP!
IT MUST BE KIND OF JARRING.. I MEAN, YOU'RE PONDERING TH' BOSNIAN CONFLICT & THEN, ALL OF A SUDDEN, YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT SEX...
OOP! THERE IT GOES!! I'M GETTING AN IMAGE OF DIANE SAWYER IN A FETCHING COWGIRL GET-UP!!
GRIFFY
11-3
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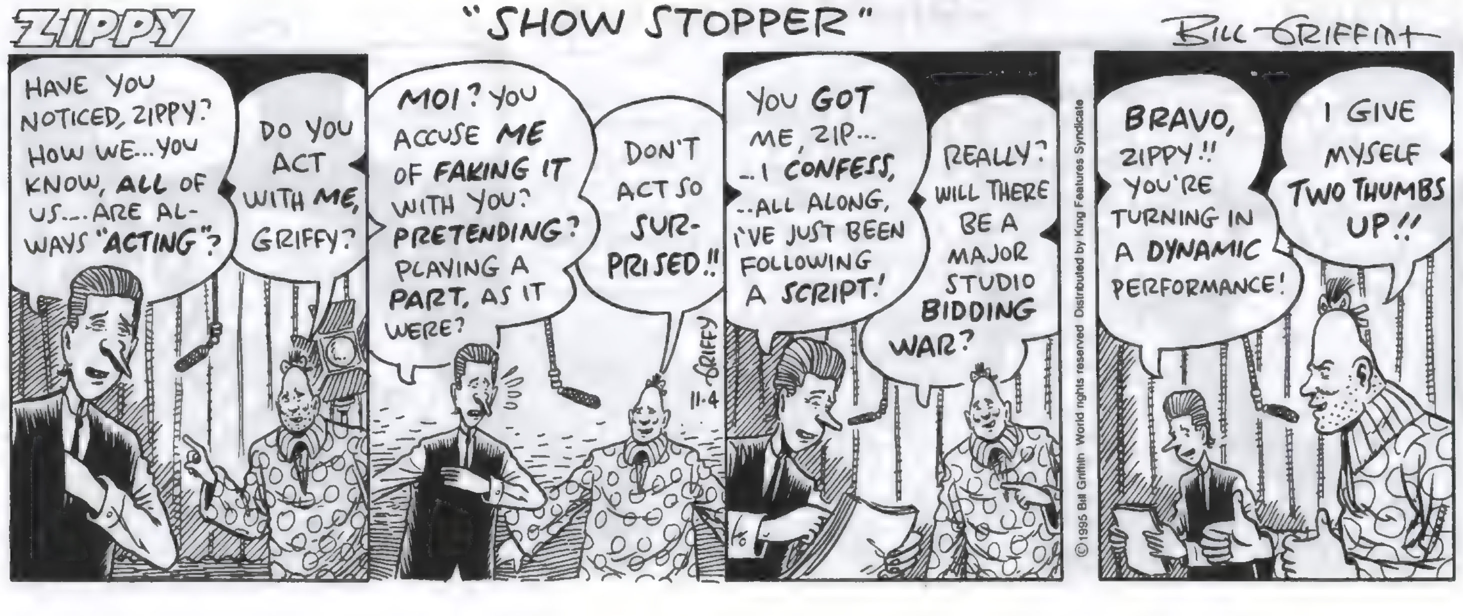
YOU KNOW, WOMEN THINK ABOUT THINGS LIKE THAT, TOO.... ACTUALLY, I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL A LITTLE ROMANTIC RIGHT NOW...
CAN I GET BACK TO YOU IN ABOUT NINETEEN MINUTES??


ZIPPY
"SHOW STOPPER"
BILL GRIFFITH
HAVE YOU NOTICED, ZIPPY? HOW WE...YOU KNOW, ALL OF US... ARE ALWAYS "ACTING"?
DO YOU ACT WITH ME, GRIFFY?
MOI? YOU ACCUSE ME OF FAKING IT WITH YOU? PRETENDING? PLAYING A PART, AS IT WERE?
DON'T ACT SO SURPRISED!!
GRIFFY
11-4
YOU GOT ME, ZIP... ..I CONFESS, ..ALL ALONG, I'VE JUST BEEN FOLLOWING A SCRIPT!
REALLY? WILL THERE BE A MAJOR STUDIO BIDDING WAR?
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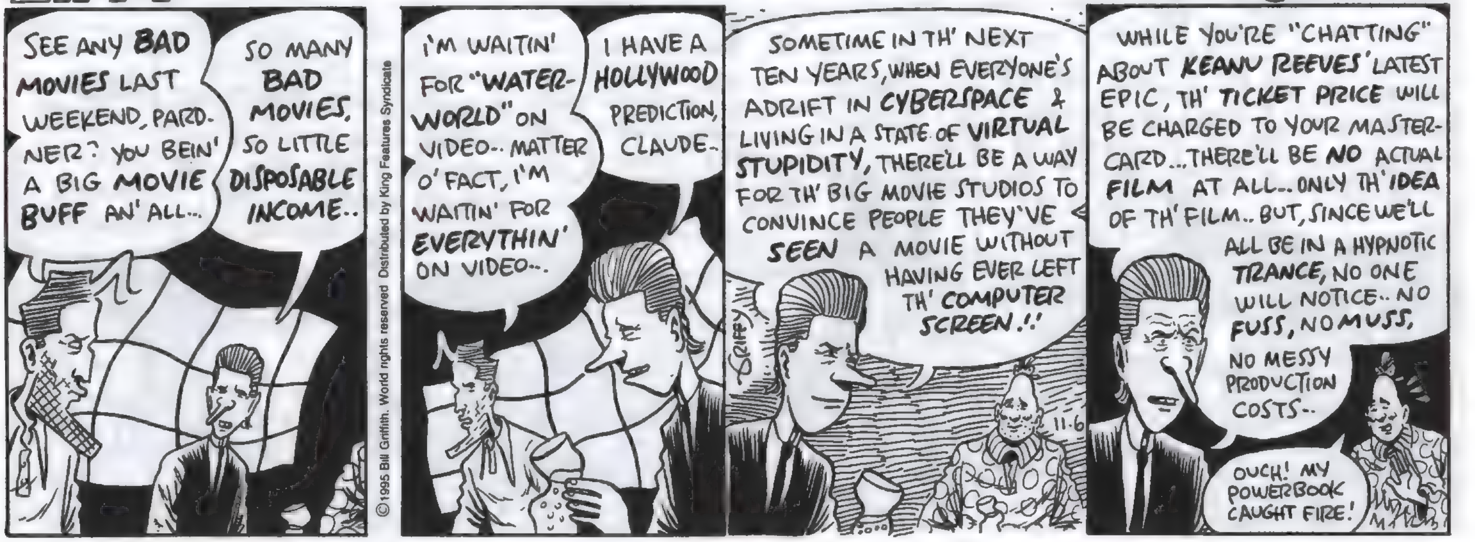
BRAVO, ZIPPY!! YOU'RE TURNING IN A DYNAMIC PERFORMANCE!
I GIVE MYSELF TWO THUMBS UP!!

ZIPPY

"PLAN 9 FROM CYBERSPACE"

BILL GRIFFITH


SEE ANY BAD MOVIES LAST WEEKEND, PARDNER? YOU BEIN' A BIG MOVIE BUFF AN' ALL...
SO MANY BAD MOVIES, SO LITTLE DISPOSABLE INCOME..
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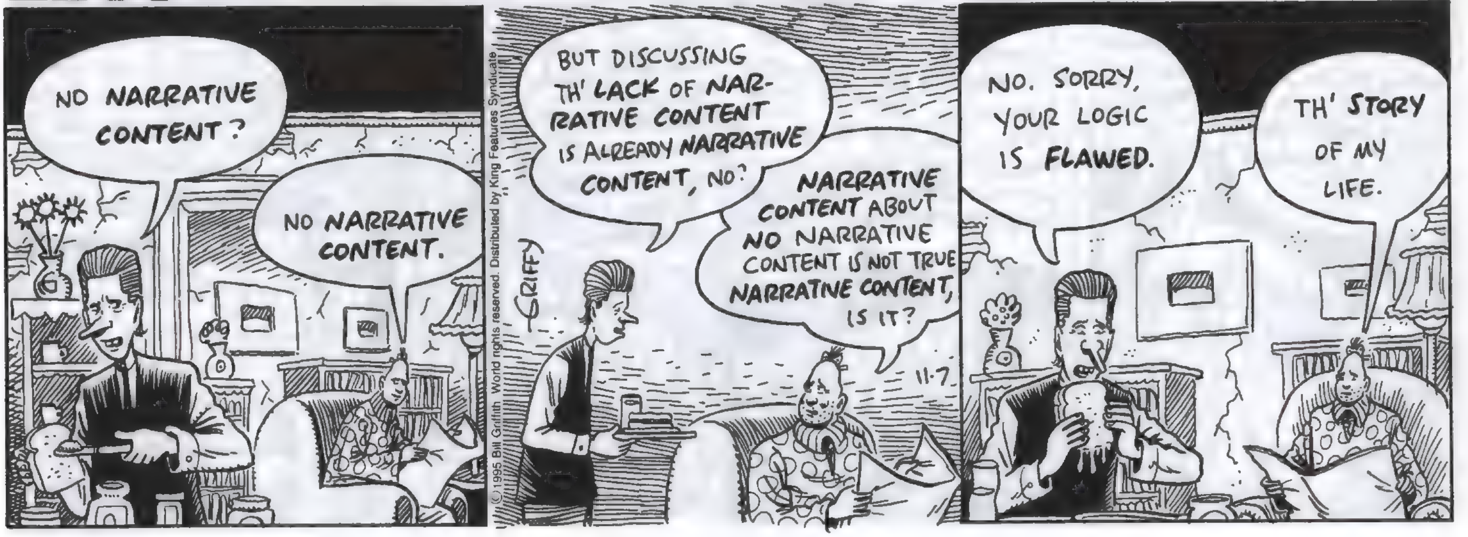
I'M WAITIN' FOR "WATERWORLD" ON VIDEO.. MATTER O' FACT, I'M WAITIN' FOR EVERYTHIN' ON VIDEO...
I HAVE A HOLLYWOOD PREDICTION, CLAUDE..
SOMETIME IN TH' NEXT TEN YEARS, WHEN EVERYONE'S ADRIFT IN CYBERSPACE & LIVING IN A STATE OF VIRTUAL STUPIDITY, THERE'LL BE A WAY FOR TH' BIG MOVIE STUDIOS TO CONVINCE PEOPLE THEY'VE SEEN A MOVIE WITHOUT HAVING EVER LEFT TH' COMPUTER SCREEN!!
GRIFFY
11-6
WHILE YOU'RE "CHATTING" ABOUT KEANU REEVES' LATEST EPIC, TH' TICKET PRICE WILL BE CHARGED TO YOUR MASTERCARD...THERE'LL BE NO ACTUAL FILM AT ALL..ONLY TH' IDEA OF TH' FILM.. BUT, SINCE WE'LL ALL BE IN A HYPNOTIC TRANCE, NO ONE WILL NOTICE.. NO FUSS, NO MUSS, NO MESSY PRODUCTION COSTS--
OUCH! MY POWERBOOK CAUGHT FIRE!

ZIPPY

"NARRATION PROVIDED"

BILL GRIFFITH


NO NARRATIVE CONTENT?
NO NARRATIVE CONTENT.
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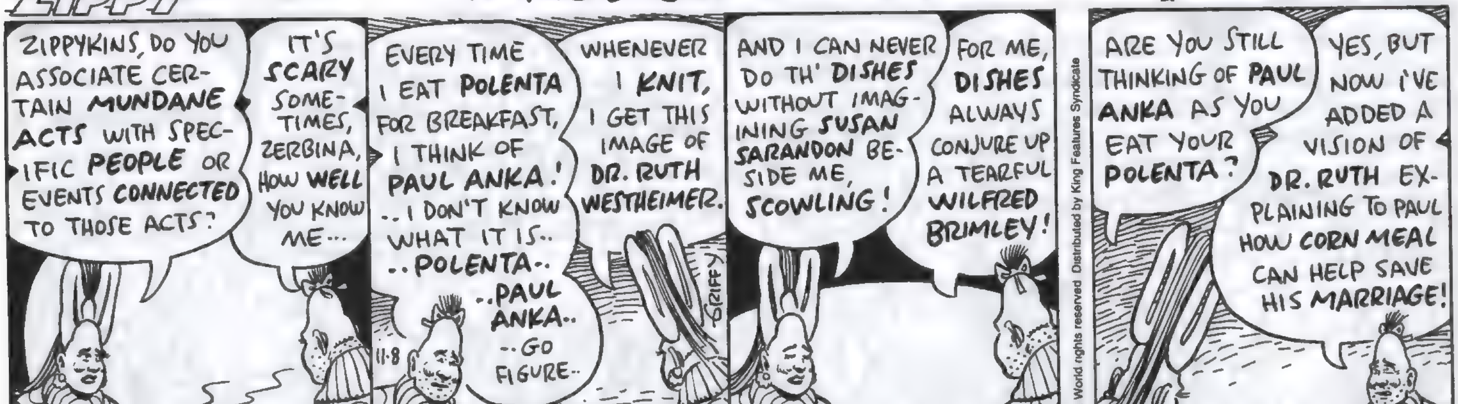
BUT DISCUSSING TH' LACK OF NARRATIVE CONTENT IS ALREADY NARRATIVE CONTENT, NO?
NARRATIVE CONTENT ABOUT NO NARRATIVE CONTENT IS NOT TRUE NARRATIVE CONTENT, IS IT?
GRIFFY
11-7
NO. SORRY, YOUR LOGIC IS FLAWED.
TH' STORY OF MY LIFE.

ZIPPY

"IMAGE SCRIMMAGE"

BILL GRIFFITH


ZIPPYKINS, DO YOU ASSOCIATE CERTAIN MUNDANE ACTS WITH SPECIFIC PEOPLE OR EVENTS CONNECTED TO THOSE ACTS?
IT'S SCARY SOMETIMES, ZERBINA, HOW WELL YOU KNOW ME...
EVERY TIME I EAT POLENTA FOR BREAKFAST, I THINK OF PAUL ANKA! .. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS.. ..POLENTA.. ..PAUL ANKA.. --GO FIGURE..
WHENEVER I KNIT, I GET THIS IMAGE OF DR. RUTH WESTHEIMER.
GRIFFY
11-8
AND I CAN NEVER DO TH' DISHES WITHOUT IMAGINING SUSAN SARANDON BESIDE ME, SCOWLING!
FOR ME, DISHES ALWAYS CONJURE UP A TEARFUL WILFRED BRIMLEY!
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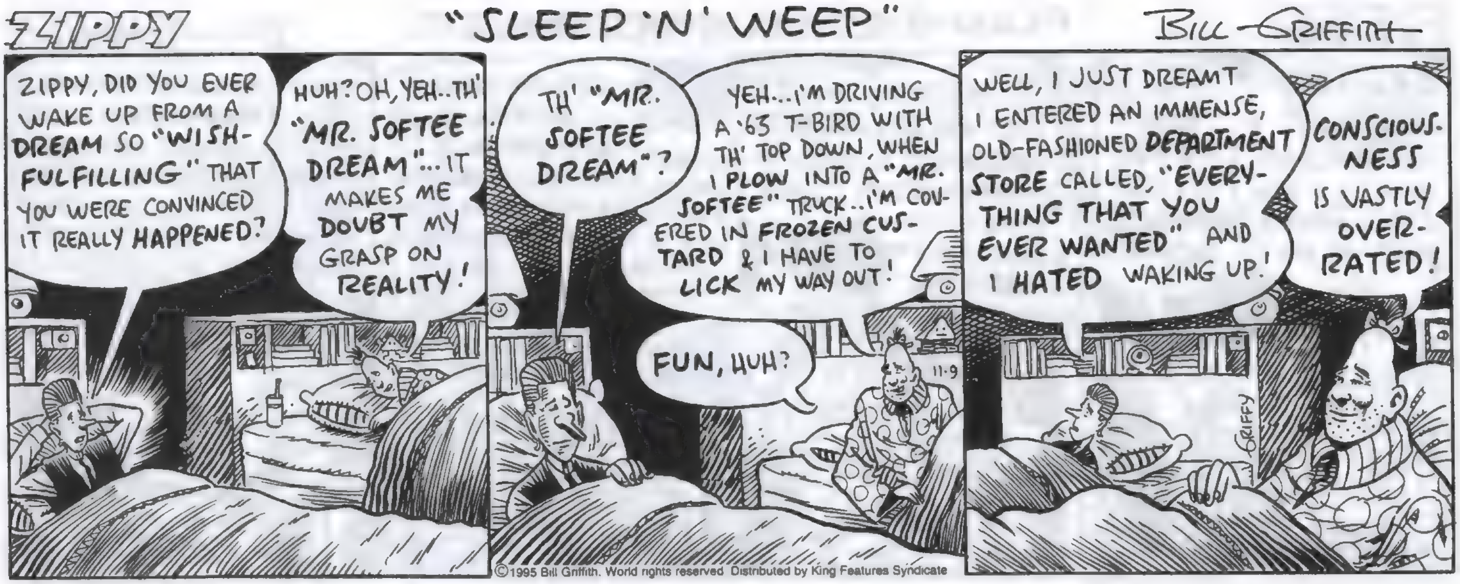
ARE YOU STILL THINKING OF PAUL ANKA AS YOU EAT YOUR POLENTA?
YES, BUT NOW I'VE ADDED A VISION OF DR. RUTH EXPLAINING TO PAUL HOW CORN MEAL CAN HELP SAVE HIS MARRIAGE!


ZIPPY
"SLEEP 'N' WEEP"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, DID YOU EVER WAKE UP FROM A DREAM SO "WISH-FULFILLING" THAT YOU WERE CONVINCED IT REALLY HAPPENED?
HUH? OH, YEH.. TH' "MR. SOFTEE DREAM"... IT MAKES ME DOUBT MY GRASP ON REALITY!
TH' "MR. SOFTEE DREAM"?
YEH... I'M DRIVING A '63 T-BIRD WITH TH' TOP DOWN, WHEN I PLOW INTO A "MR. SOFTEE" TRUCK... I'M COVERED IN FROZEN CUSTARD & I HAVE TO LICK MY WAY OUT!
FUN, HUH?
11-9
WELL, I JUST DREAMT I ENTERED AN IMMENSE, OLD-FASHIONED DEPARTMENT STORE CALLED, "EVERYTHING THAT YOU EVER WANTED" AND I HATED WAKING UP!
CONSCIOUSNESS IS VASTLY OVERRATED!
GRIFFY
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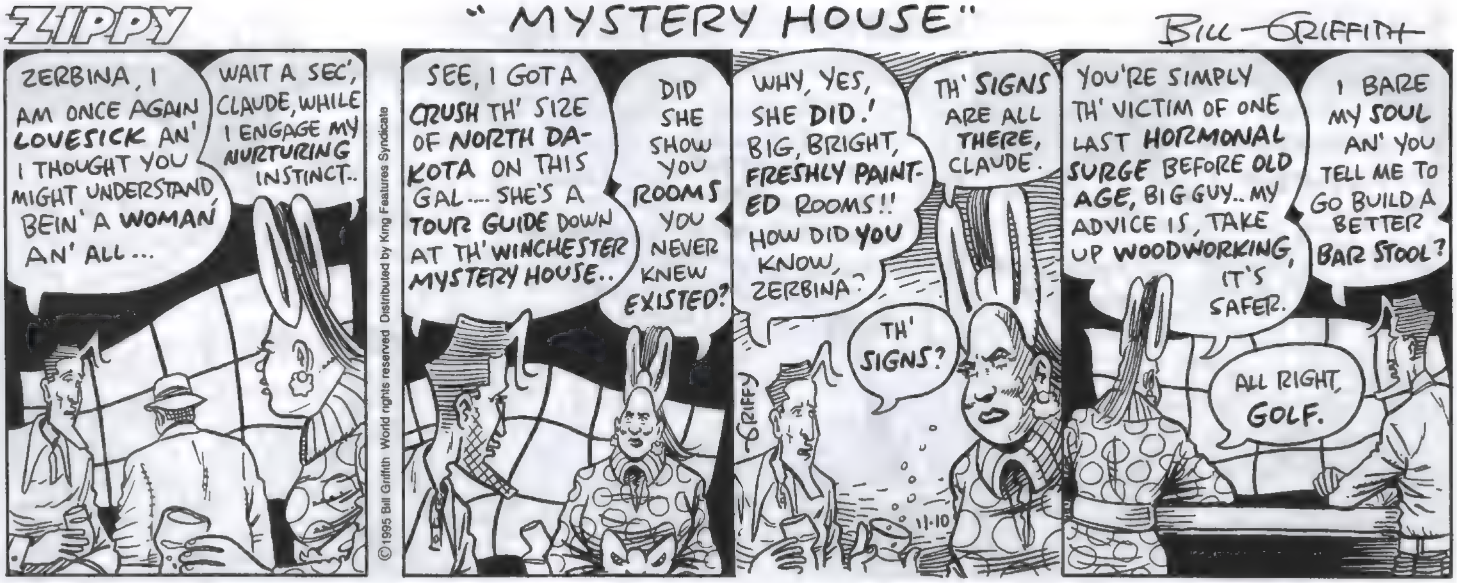
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"MYSTERY HOUSE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZERBINA, I AM ONCE AGAIN LOVESICK AN' I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT UNDERSTAND BEIN' A WOMAN AN' ALL...
WAIT A SEC', CLAUDE, WHILE I ENGAGE MY NURTURING INSTINCT..
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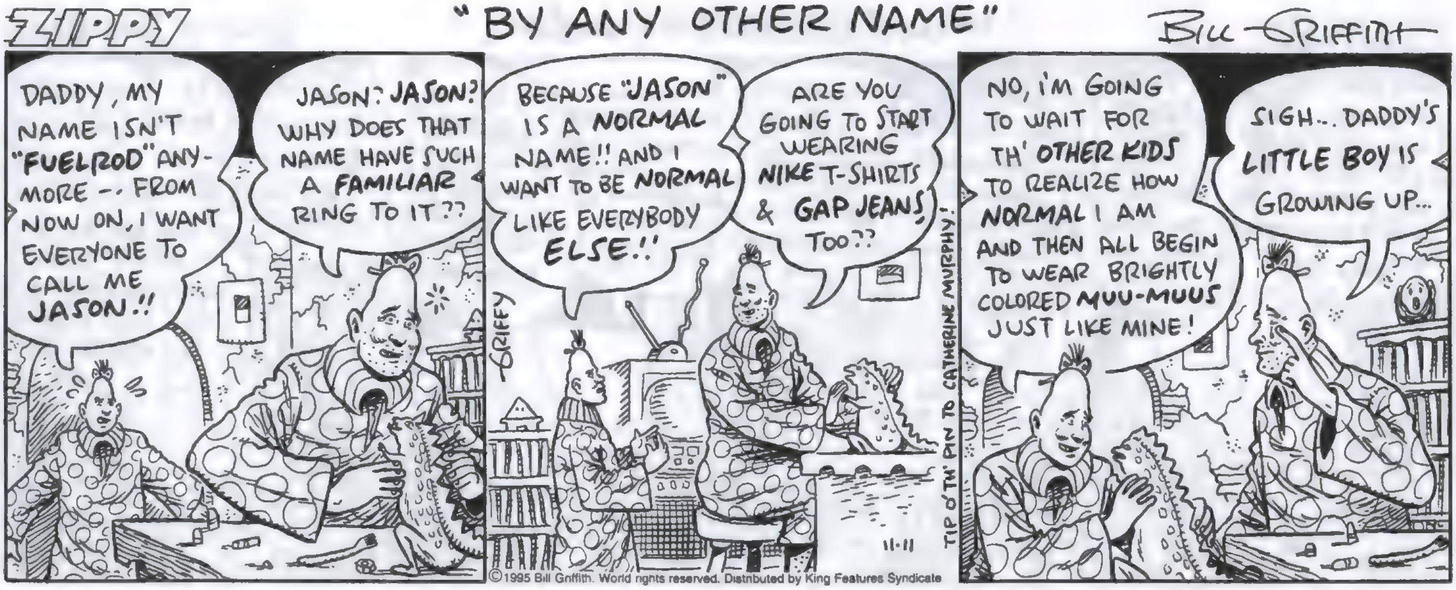
SEE, I GOT A CRUSH TH' SIZE OF NORTH DAKOTA ON THIS GAL.... SHE'S A TOUR GUIDE DOWN AT TH' WINCHESTER MYSTERY HOUSE..
DID SHE SHOW YOU ROOMS YOU NEVER KNEW EXISTED?
WHY, YES, SHE DID! BIG, BRIGHT, FRESHLY PAINTED ROOMS!! HOW DID YOU KNOW, ZERBINA?
TH' SIGNS ARE ALL THERE, CLAUDE.
TH' SIGNS?
GRIFFY
11-10
YOU'RE SIMPLY TH' VICTIM OF ONE LAST HORMONAL SURGE BEFORE OLD AGE, BIG GUY.. MY ADVICE IS, TAKE UP WOODWORKING, IT'S SAFER.
I BARE MY SOUL AN' YOU TELL ME TO GO BUILD A BETTER BAR STOOL?
ALL RIGHT, GOLF.


ZIPPY
"BY ANY OTHER NAME"
BILL GRIFFITH
DADDY, MY NAME ISN'T "FUELROD" ANYMORE -. FROM NOW ON, I WANT EVERYONE TO CALL ME JASON!!
JASON? JASON? WHY DOES THAT NAME HAVE SUCH A FAMILIAR RING TO IT??
BECAUSE "JASON" IS A NORMAL NAME!! AND I WANT TO BE NORMAL LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE!!
ARE YOU GOING TO START WEARING NIKE T-SHIRTS & GAP JEANS TOO??
GRIFFY
11-11
TIP O' TH' PIN TO CATHERINE MURPHY!
NO, I'M GOING TO WAIT FOR TH' OTHER KIDS TO REALIZE HOW NORMAL I AM AND THEN ALL BEGIN TO WEAR BRIGHTLY COLORED MUU-MUUS JUST LIKE MINE!
SIGH... DADDY'S LITTLE BOY IS GROWING UP...
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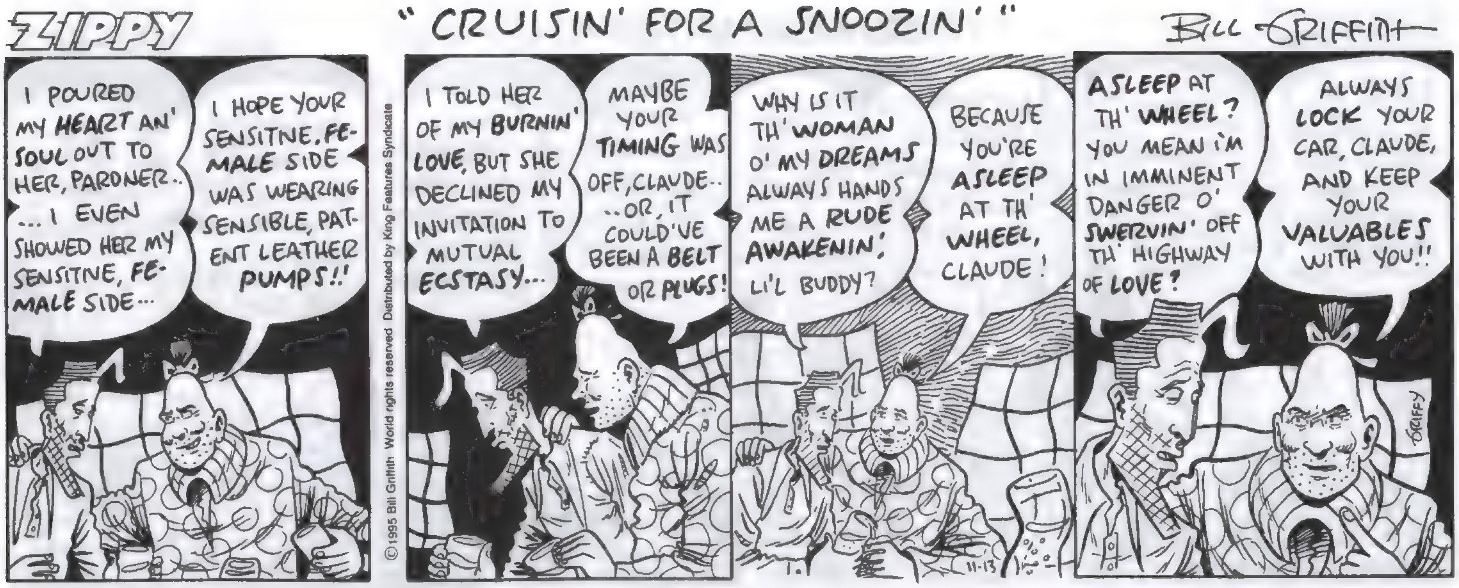
ZIPPY
"CRUISIN' FOR A SNOOZIN'"
BILL GRIFFITH
I POURED MY HEART AN' SOUL OUT TO HER, PARDNER.. ...I EVEN SHOWED HER MY SENSITIVE, FEMALE SIDE...
I HOPE YOUR SENSITIVE, FEMALE SIDE WAS WEARING SENSIBLE, PATENT LEATHER PUMPS!!
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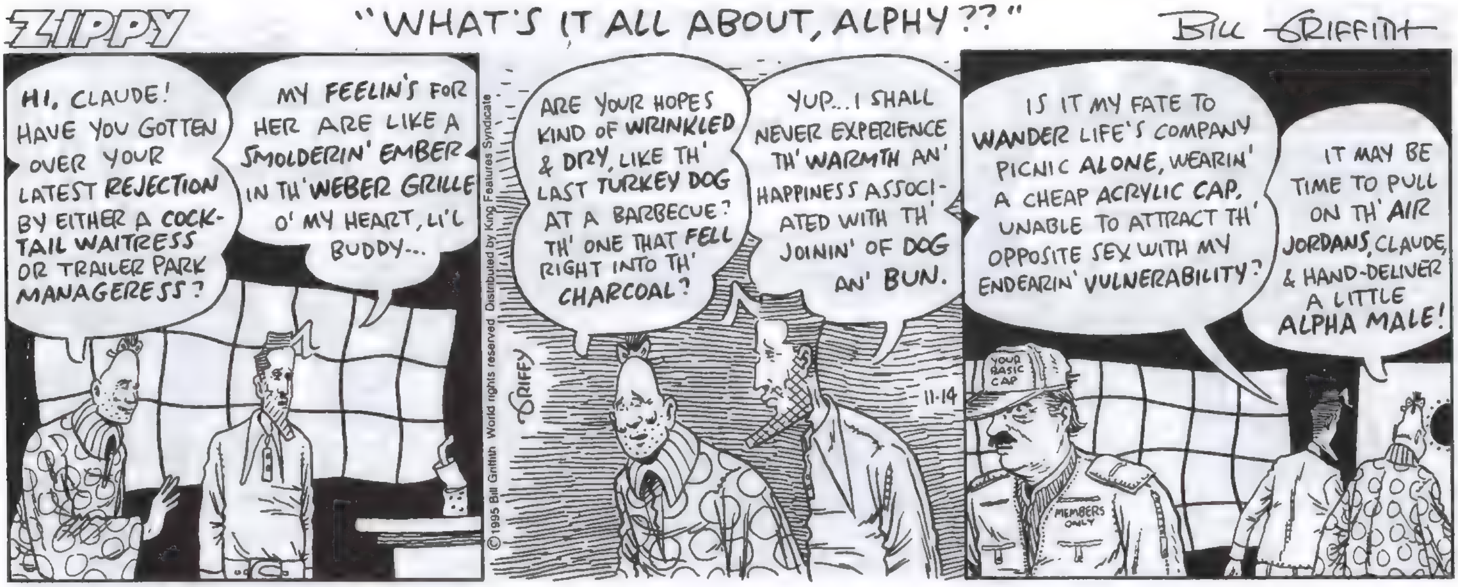
I TOLD HER OF MY BURNIN' LOVE, BUT SHE DECLINED MY INVITATION TO MUTUAL ECSTASY...
MAYBE YOUR TIMING WAS OFF, CLAUDE.. ..OR, IT COULD'VE BEEN A BELT OR PLUGS!
WHY IS IT TH' WOMAN O' MY DREAMS ALWAYS HANDS ME A RUDE AWAKENIN', LI'L BUDDY?
BECAUSE YOU'RE ASLEEP AT TH' WHEEL, CLAUDE!
11-13
ASLEEP AT TH' WHEEL? YOU MEAN I'M IN IMMINENT DANGER O' SWERVIN' OFF TH' HIGHWAY OF LOVE?
ALWAYS LOCK YOUR CAR, CLAUDE, AND KEEP YOUR VALUABLES WITH YOU!!
GRIFFY


ZIPPY
"WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT, ALPHY??"
BILL GRIFFITH
HI, CLAUDE! HAVE YOU GOTTEN OVER YOUR LATEST REJECTION BY EITHER A COCKTAIL WAITRESS OR TRAILER PARK MANAGERESS?
MY FEELIN'S FOR HER ARE LIKE A SMOLDERIN' EMBER IN TH' WEBER GRILLE O' MY HEART, LI'L BUDDY...
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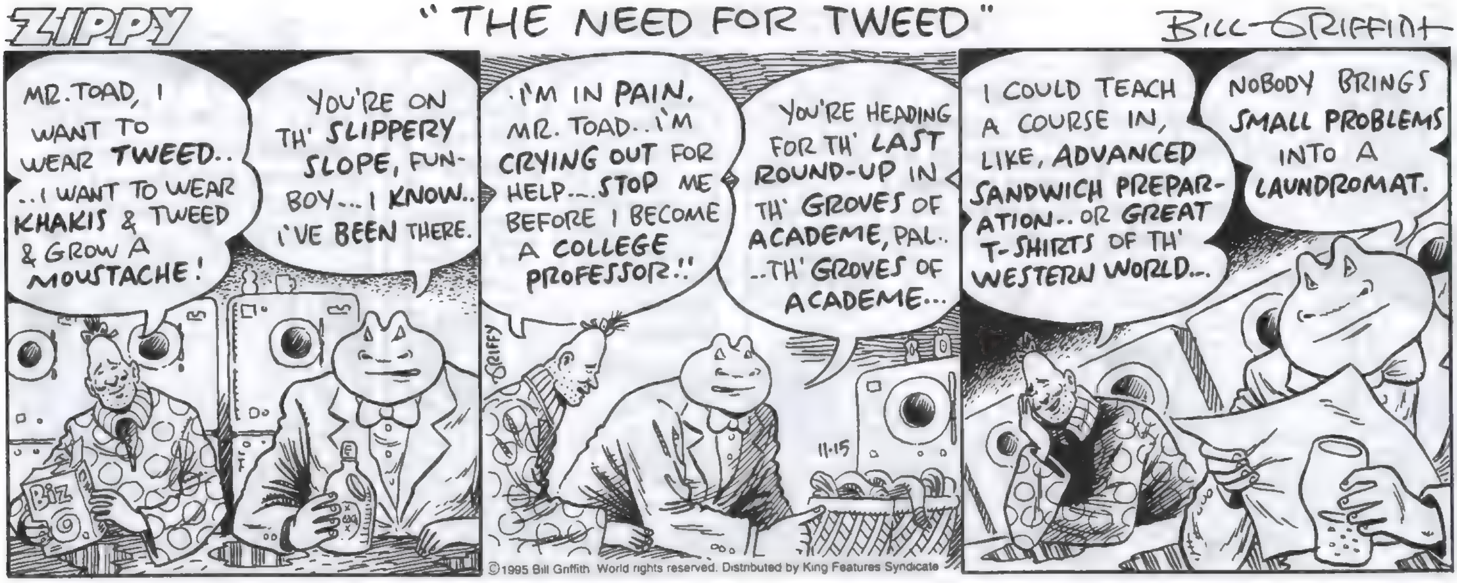
GRIFFY
ARE YOUR HOPES KIND OF WRINKLED & DRY, LIKE TH' LAST TURKEY DOG AT A BARBECUE? TH' ONE THAT FELL RIGHT INTO TH' CHARCOAL?
YUP...I SHALL NEVER EXPERIENCE TH' WARMTH AN' HAPPINESS ASSOCIATED WITH TH' JOININ' OF DOG AN' BUN.
11-14
IS IT MY FATE TO WANDER LIFE'S COMPANY PICNIC ALONE, WEARIN' A CHEAP ACRYLIC CAP, UNABLE TO ATTRACT TH' OPPOSITE SEX WITH MY ENDEARIN' VULNERABILITY?
IT MAY BE TIME TO PULL ON TH' AIR JORDANS, CLAUDE, & HAND-DELIVER A LITTLE ALPHA MALE!
YOUR BASIC CAP
MEMBERS ONLY


ZIPPY
"THE NEED FOR TWEED"
BILL GRIFFITH
MR. TOAD, I WANT TO WEAR TWEED.. ..I WANT TO WEAR KHAKIS & TWEED & GROW A MOUSTACHE!
YOU'RE ON TH' SLIPPERY SLOPE, FUNBOY... I KNOW.. I'VE BEEN THERE.
BIZ
I'M IN PAIN, MR. TOAD..I'M CRYING OUT FOR HELP....STOP ME BEFORE I BECOME A COLLEGE PROFESSOR!!
YOU'RE HEADING FOR TH' LAST ROUND-UP IN TH' GROVES OF ACADEME, PAL.. ..TH' GROVES OF ACADEME...
GRIFFY
11-15
I COULD TEACH A COURSE IN, LIKE, ADVANCED SANDWICH PREPARATION.. OR GREAT T-SHIRTS OF TH' WESTERN WORLD...
NOBODY BRINGS SMALL PROBLEMS INTO A LAUNDROMAT.
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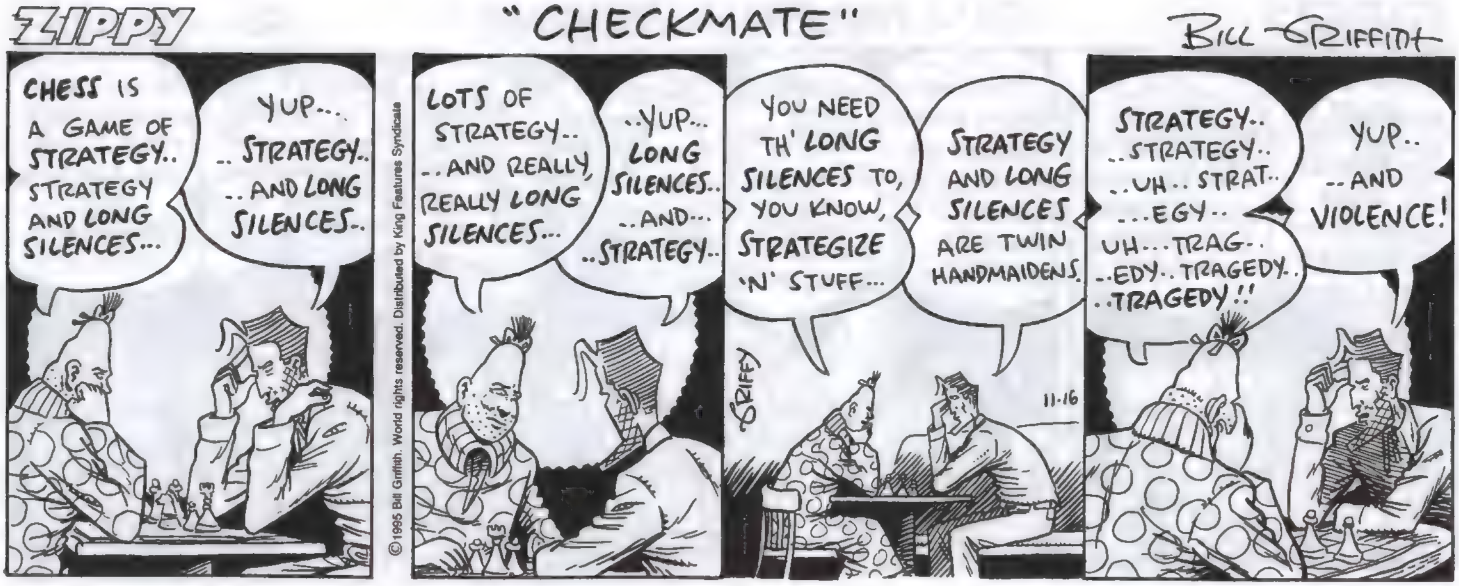
ZIPPY
"CHECKMATE"
BILL GRIFFITH
CHESS IS A GAME OF STRATEGY.. STRATEGY AND LONG SILENCES...
YUP... .. STRATEGY.. .. AND LONG SILENCES..
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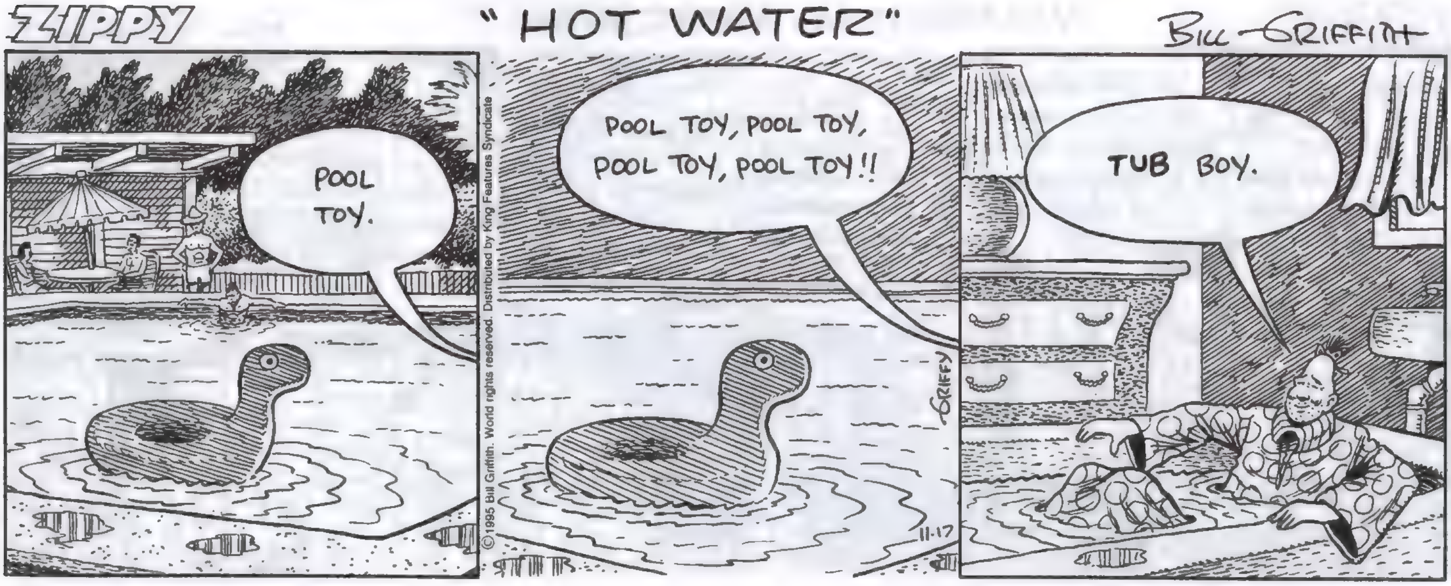
LOTS OF STRATEGY.. ..AND REALLY, REALLY LONG SILENCES...
..YUP... LONG SILENCES.. ..AND... ..STRATEGY..
YOU NEED TH' LONG SILENCES TO, YOU KNOW, STRATEGIZE 'N' STUFF...
STRATEGY AND LONG SILENCES ARE TWIN HANDMAIDENS.
GRIFFY
11-16
STRATEGY.. ..STRATEGY.. ..UH.. STRAT.. ...EGY.. UH...TRAG.. ..EDY.. TRAGEDY.. ..TRAGEDY!!
YUP.. --AND VIOLENCE!


ZIPPY
"HOT WATER"
BILL GRIFFITH
POOL TOY.
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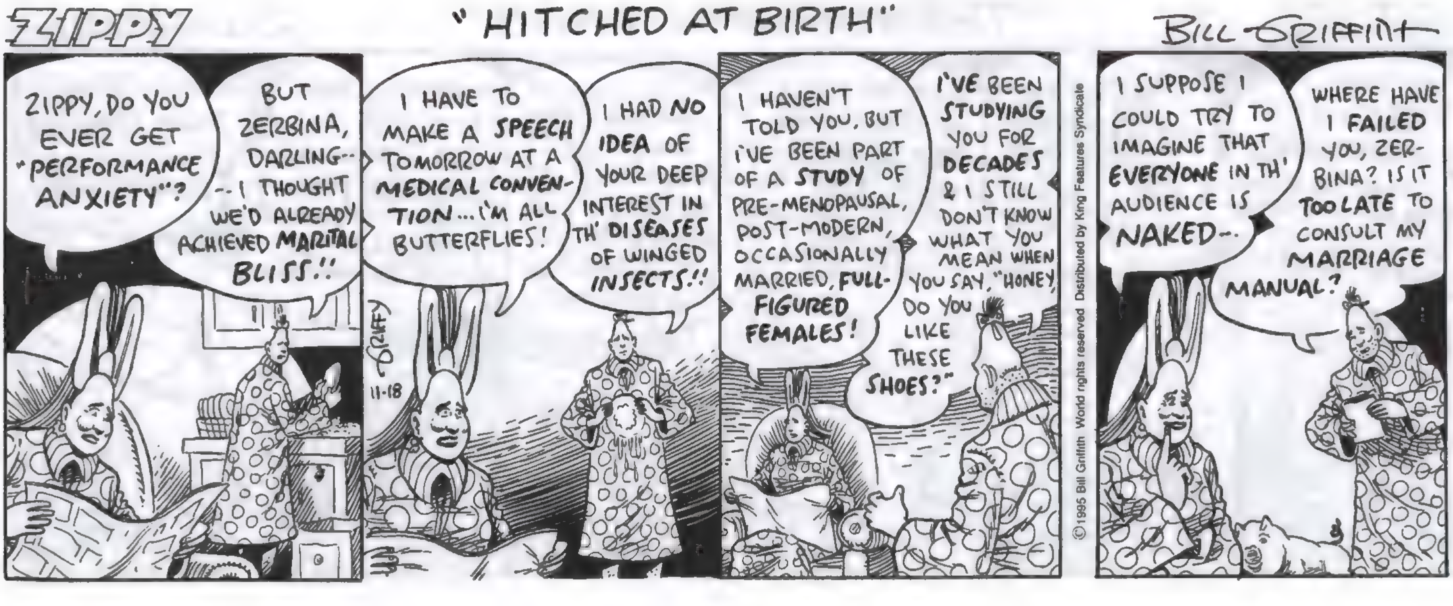
POOL TOY, POOL TOY, POOL TOY, POOL TOY!!
GRIFFY
11-17
TUB BOY.


ZIPPY
"HITCHED AT BIRTH"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, DO YOU EVER GET "PERFORMANCE ANXIETY"?
BUT ZERBINA, DARLING-- --I THOUGHT WE'D ALREADY ACHIEVED MARITAL BLISS!!
I HAVE TO MAKE A SPEECH TOMORROW AT A MEDICAL CONVENTION...I'M ALL BUTTERFLIES!
I HAD NO IDEA OF YOUR DEEP INTEREST IN TH' DISEASES OF WINGED INSECTS!!
GRIFFY
11-18
I HAVEN'T TOLD YOU, BUT I'VE BEEN PART OF A STUDY OF PRE-MENOPAUSAL, POST-MODERN, OCCASIONALLY MARRIED, FULL-FIGURED FEMALES!
I'VE BEEN STUDYING YOU FOR DECADES & I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN WHEN YOU SAY, "HONEY, DO YOU LIKE THESE SHOES?"
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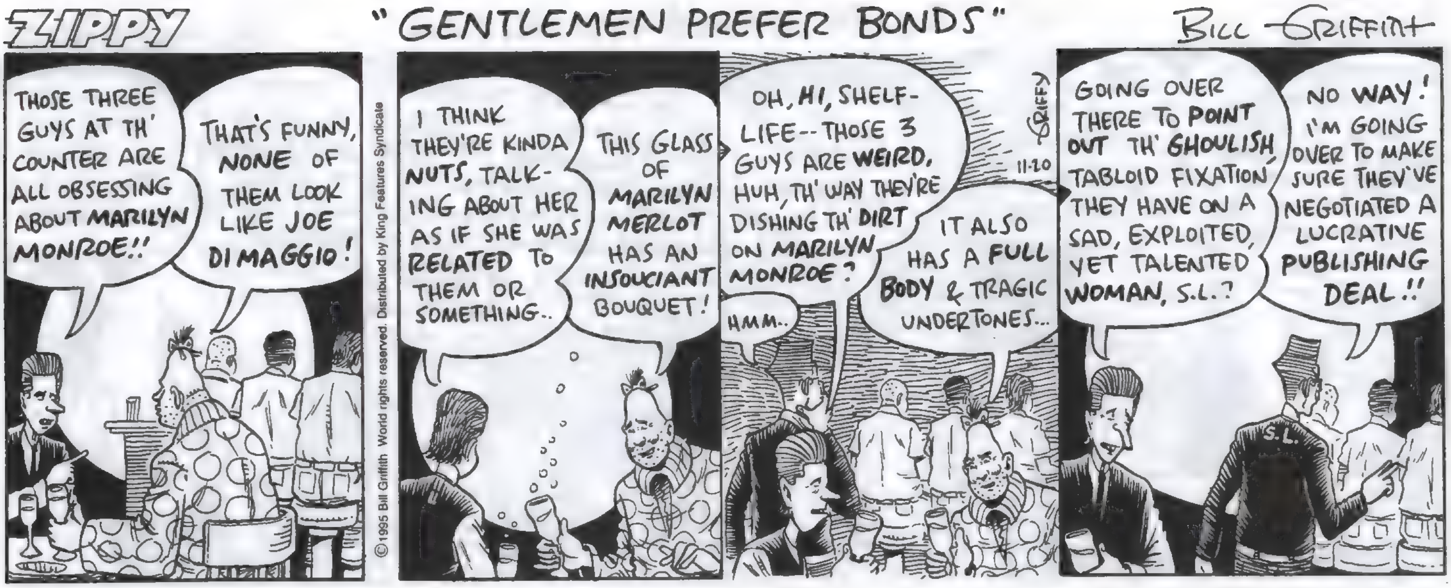
I SUPPOSE I COULD TRY TO IMAGINE THAT EVERYONE IN TH' AUDIENCE IS NAKED--.
WHERE HAVE I FAILED YOU, ZERBINA? IS IT TOO LATE TO CONSULT MY MARRIAGE MANUAL?


ZIPPY
"GENTLEMEN PREFER BONDS"
BILL GRIFFITH
THOSE THREE GUYS AT TH' COUNTER ARE ALL OBSESSING ABOUT MARILYN MONROE!!
THAT'S FUNNY, NONE OF THEM LOOK LIKE JOE DIMAGGIO!
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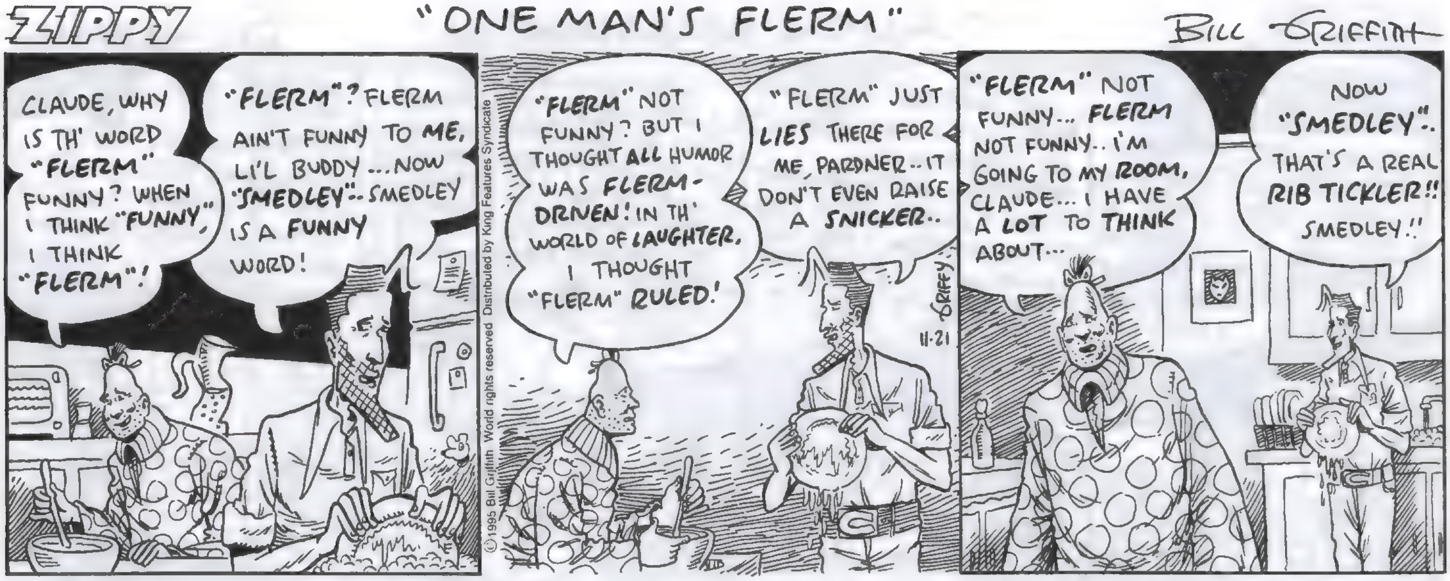
I THINK THEY'RE KINDA NUTS, TALKING ABOUT HER AS IF SHE WAS RELATED TO THEM OR SOMETHING..
THIS GLASS OF MARILYN MERLOT HAS AN INSOUCIANT BOUQUET!
OH, HI, SHELF-LIFE-- THOSE 3 GUYS ARE WEIRD, HUH, TH' WAY THEY'RE DISHING TH' DIRT ON MARILYN MONROE?
HMM..
IT ALSO HAS A FULL BODY & TRAGIC UNDERTONES...
GRIFFY
11-20
GOING OVER THERE TO POINT OUT TH' GHOULISH, TABLOID FIXATION THEY HAVE ON A SAD, EXPLOITED, YET TALENTED WOMAN, S.L.?
NO WAY! I'M GOING OVER TO MAKE SURE THEY'VE NEGOTIATED A LUCRATIVE PUBLISHING DEAL!!
S.L.


ZIPPY
"ONE MAN'S FLERM"
BILL GRIFFITH
CLAUDE, WHY IS TH' WORD "FLERM" FUNNY? WHEN I THINK "FUNNY", I THINK "FLERM"!
"FLERM"? FLERM AIN'T FUNNY TO ME, LI'L BUDDY...NOW "SMEDLEY"-- SMEDLEY IS A FUNNY WORD!
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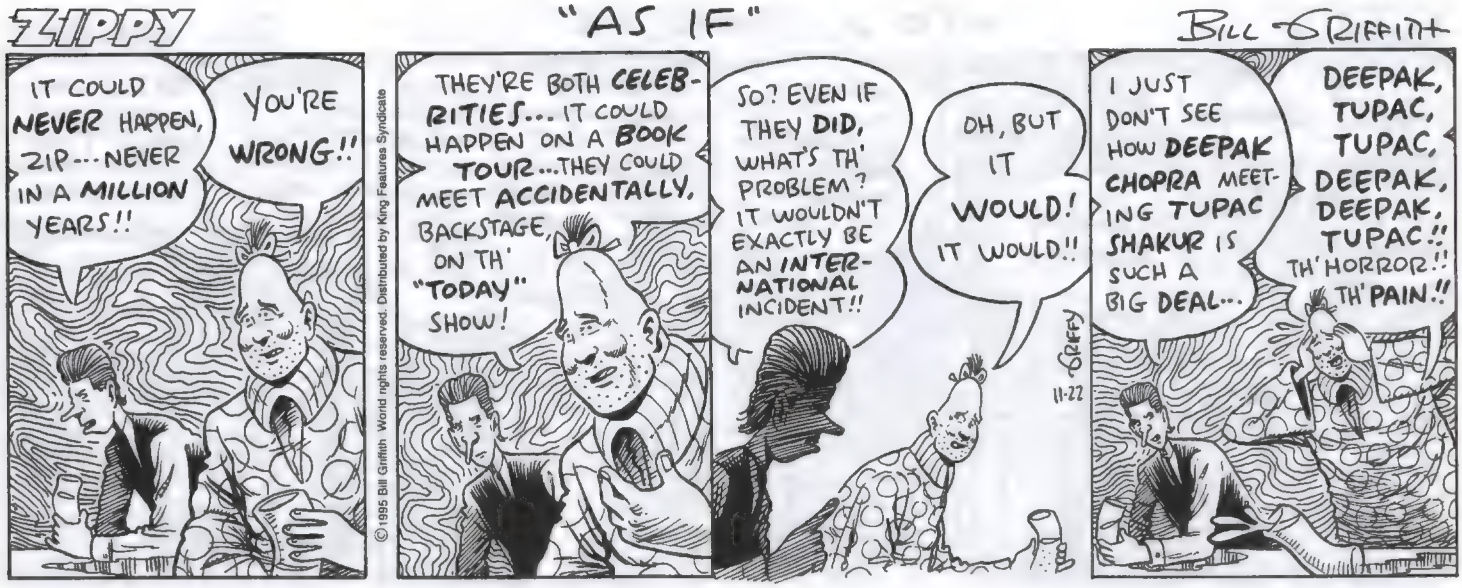
"FLERM" NOT FUNNY? BUT I THOUGHT ALL HUMOR WAS FLERM-DRIVEN! IN TH' WORLD OF LAUGHTER, I THOUGHT "FLERM" RULED!
"FLERM" JUST LIES THERE FOR ME, PARDNER.. IT DON'T EVEN RAISE A SNICKER..
GRIFFY
11-21
"FLERM" NOT FUNNY... FLERM NOT FUNNY.. I'M GOING TO MY ROOM, CLAUDE... I HAVE A LOT TO THINK ABOUT...
NOW "SMEDLEY".. THAT'S A REAL RIB TICKLER!! SMEDLEY!!


ZIPPY
"AS IF"
BILL GRIFFITH
IT COULD NEVER HAPPEN, ZIP--- NEVER IN A MILLION YEARS!!
YOU'RE WRONG!!
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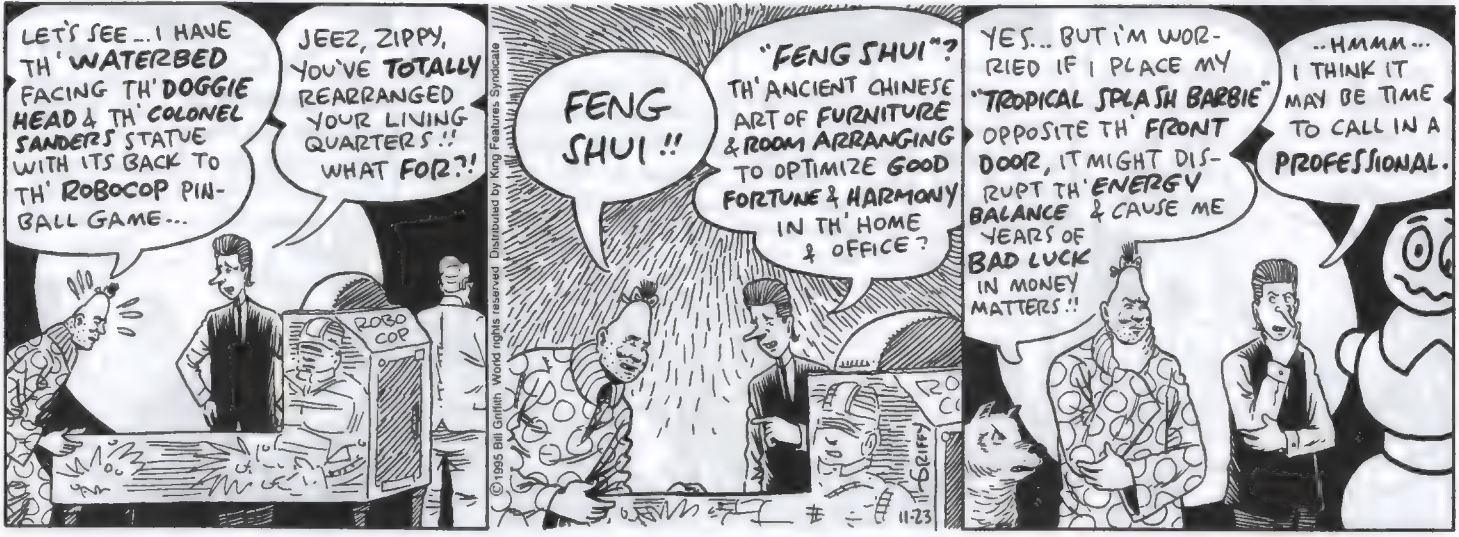
THEY'RE BOTH CELEBRITIES... IT COULD HAPPEN ON A BOOK TOUR...THEY COULD MEET ACCIDENTALLY, BACKSTAGE, ON TH' "TODAY" SHOW!
SO? EVEN IF THEY DID, WHAT'S TH' PROBLEM? IT WOULDN'T EXACTLY BE AN INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT!!
OH, BUT IT WOULD! IT WOULD!!
GRIFFY
11-22
I JUST DON'T SEE HOW DEEPAK CHOPRA MEETING TUPAC SHAKUR IS SUCH A BIG DEAL...
DEEPAK, TUPAC, TUPAC, DEEPAK, DEEPAK, TUPAC!! TH' HORROR!! TH' PAIN!!

ZIPPY

"EXTRA FANCY GEOMANCY"

BILL GRIFFITH


LET'S SEE... I HAVE TH' WATERBED FACING TH' DOGGIE HEAD & TH' COLONEL SANDERS STATUE WITH ITS BACK TO TH' ROBOCOP PINBALL GAME...
JEEZ, ZIPPY, YOU'VE TOTALLY REARRANGED YOUR LIVING QUARTERS!! WHAT FOR?!
ROBO COP
FENG SHUI!!
"FENG SHUI"? TH' ANCIENT CHINESE ART OF FURNITURE & ROOM ARRANGING TO OPTIMIZE GOOD FORTUNE & HARMONY IN TH' HOME & OFFICE?
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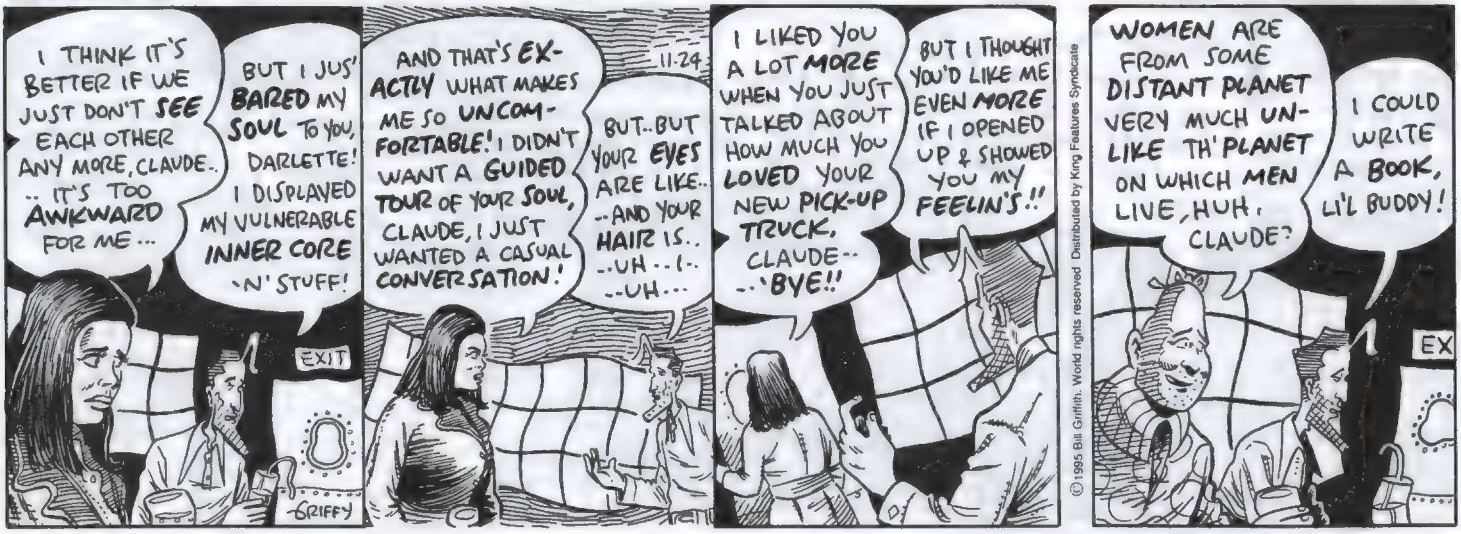
GRIFFY
11-23
YES... BUT I'M WORRIED IF I PLACE MY "TROPICAL SPLASH BARBIE" OPPOSITE TH' FRONT DOOR, IT MIGHT DISRUPT TH' ENERGY BALANCE & CAUSE ME YEARS OF BAD LUCK IN MONEY MATTERS!!
..HMMM... I THINK IT MAY BE TIME TO CALL IN A PROFESSIONAL.

ZIPPY

"ALIEN INVASION"

BILL GRIFFITH


I THINK IT'S BETTER IF WE JUST DON'T SEE EACH OTHER ANY MORE, CLAUDE.. .. IT'S TOO AWKWARD FOR ME...
BUT I JUS' BARED MY SOUL TO YOU, DARLETTE! I DISPLAYED MY VULNERABLE INNER CORE 'N' STUFF!
EXIT
GRIFFY
11-24
AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT MAKES ME SO UNCOMFORTABLE! I DIDN'T WANT A GUIDED TOUR OF YOUR SOUL, CLAUDE, I JUST WANTED A CASUAL CONVERSATION!
BUT..BUT YOUR EYES ARE LIKE.. ..AND YOUR HAIR IS.. ..UH..I.. ..UH...
I LIKED YOU A LOT MORE WHEN YOU JUST TALKED ABOUT HOW MUCH YOU LOVED YOUR NEW PICK-UP TRUCK, CLAUDE-- --'BYE!!
BUT I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE ME EVEN MORE IF I OPENED UP & SHOWED YOU MY FEELIN'S!!
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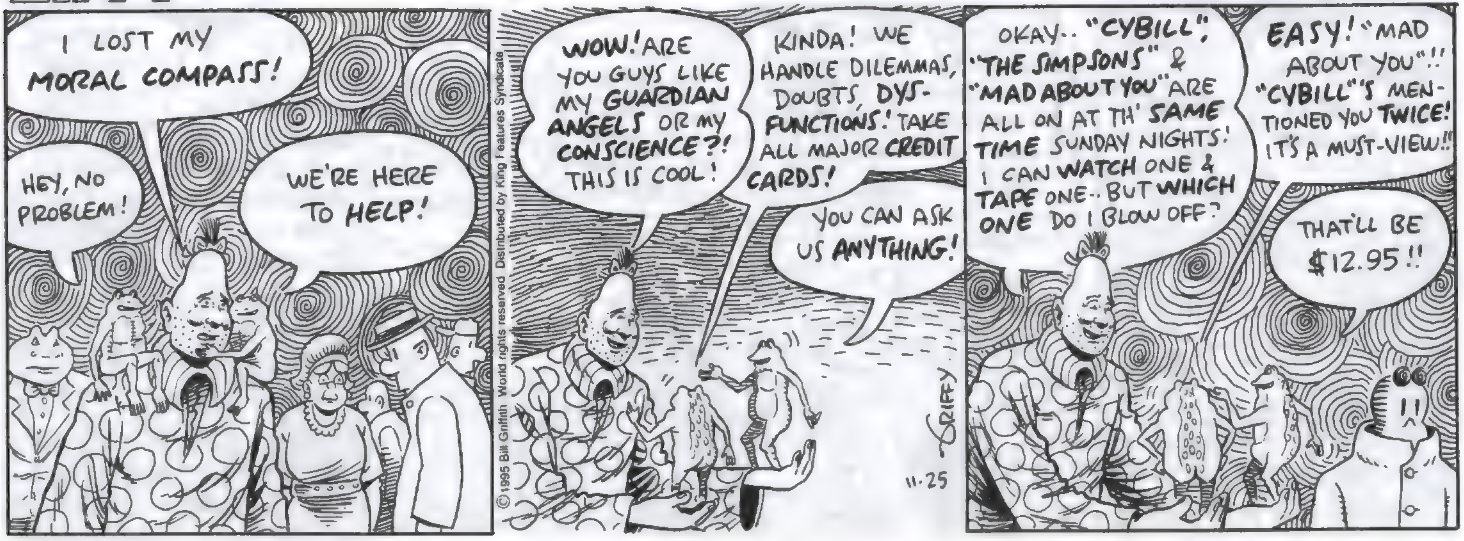
WOMEN ARE FROM SOME DISTANT PLANET VERY MUCH UNLIKE TH' PLANET ON WHICH MEN LIVE, HUH, CLAUDE?
I COULD WRITE A BOOK, LI'L BUDDY!
EX

ZIPPY

"ASK A TOADETTE"

BILL GRIFFITH


I LOST MY MORAL COMPASS!
HEY, NO PROBLEM!
WE'RE HERE TO HELP!
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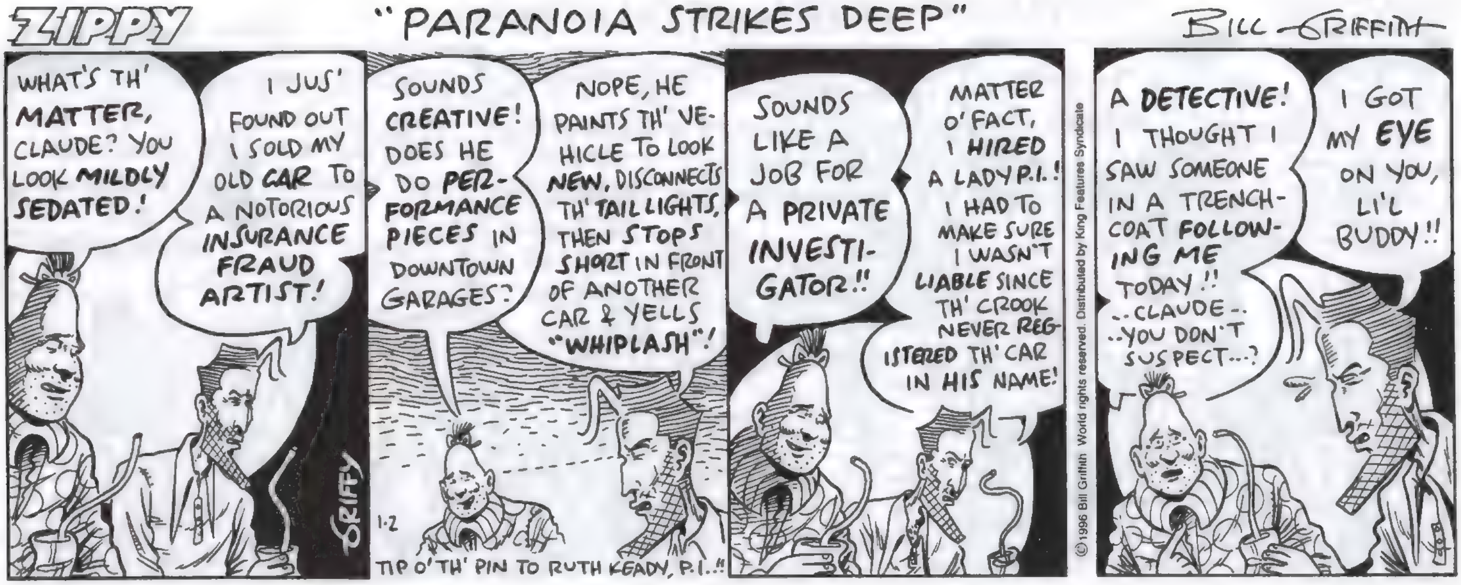
WOW! ARE YOU GUYS LIKE MY GUARDIAN ANGELS OR MY CONSCIENCE?! THIS IS COOL!
KINDA! WE HANDLE DILEMMAS, DOUBTS, DYSFUNCTIONS! TAKE ALL MAJOR CREDIT CARDS!
YOU CAN ASK US ANYTHING!
GRIFFY
11-25
OKAY.. "CYBILL", "THE SIMPSONS" & "MAD ABOUT YOU" ARE ALL ON AT TH' SAME TIME SUNDAY NIGHTS! I CAN WATCH ONE & TAPE ONE.. BUT WHICH ONE DO I BLOW OFF?
EASY! "MAD ABOUT YOU"!! "CYBILL"'S MENTIONED YOU TWICE! IT'S A MUST-VIEW!!
THAT'LL BE $12.95!!


ZIPPY
"PARANOIA STRIKES DEEP"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT'S TH' MATTER, CLAUDE? YOU LOOK MILDLY SEDATED!
I JUS' FOUND OUT I SOLD MY OLD CAR TO A NOTORIOUS INSURANCE FRAUD ARTIST!
GRIFFY
SOUNDS CREATIVE! DOES HE DO PERFORMANCE PIECES IN DOWNTOWN GARAGES?
NOPE, HE PAINTS TH' VEHICLE TO LOOK NEW, DISCONNECTS TH' TAIL LIGHTS, THEN STOPS SHORT IN FRONT OF ANOTHER CAR & YELLS "WHIPLASH"!
1-2
TIP O' TH' PIN TO RUTH KEADY, P.I.!!
SOUNDS LIKE A JOB FOR A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR!!
MATTER O' FACT, I HIRED A LADY P.I.! I HAD TO MAKE SURE I WASN'T LIABLE SINCE TH' CROOK NEVER REGISTERED TH' CAR IN HIS NAME!
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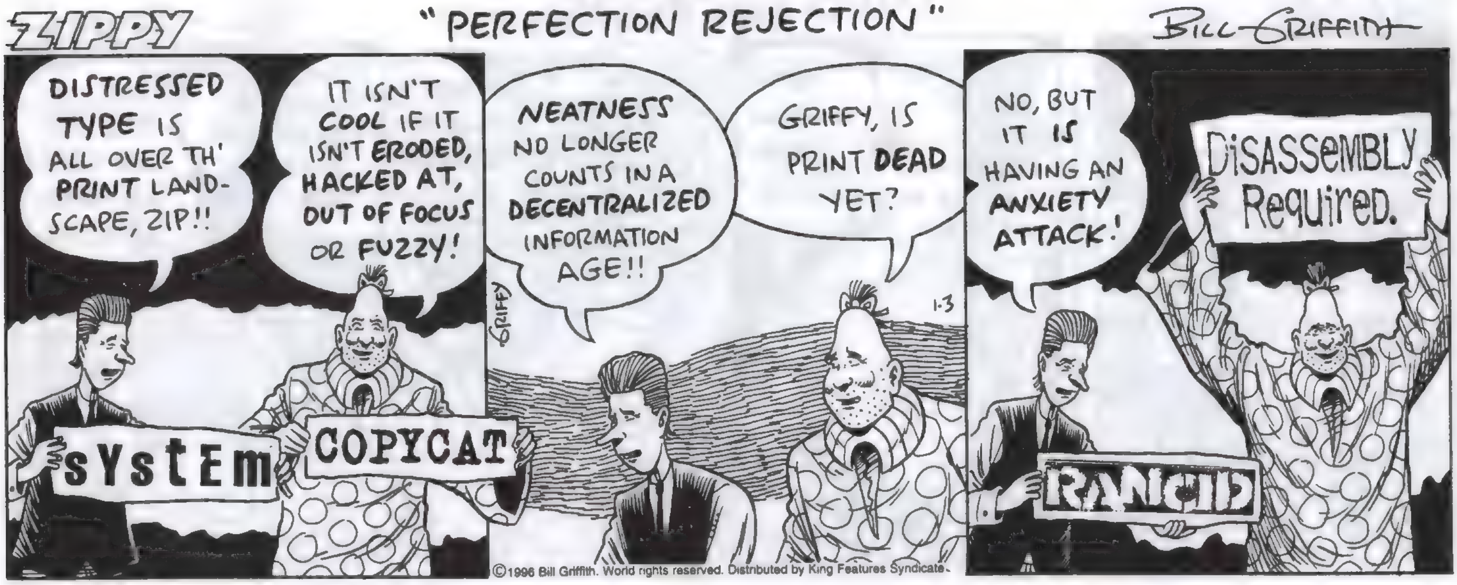
A DETECTIVE! I THOUGHT I SAW SOMEONE IN A TRENCH-COAT FOLLOWING ME TODAY!! ..CLAUDE.. ..YOU DON'T SUSPECT...?
I GOT MY EYE ON YOU, LI'L BUDDY!!


ZIPPY
"PERFECTION REJECTION"
BILL GRIFFITH
DISTRESSED TYPE IS ALL OVER TH' PRINT LANDSCAPE, ZIP!!
IT ISN'T COOL IF IT ISN'T ERODED, HACKED AT, OUT OF FOCUS OR FUZZY!
sYstEm
COPYCAT
NEATNESS NO LONGER COUNTS IN A DECENTRALIZED INFORMATION AGE!!
GRIFFY
GRIFFY, IS PRINT DEAD YET?
1-3
NO, BUT IT IS HAVING AN ANXIETY ATTACK!
DiSASSemBLY Required.
RANCID
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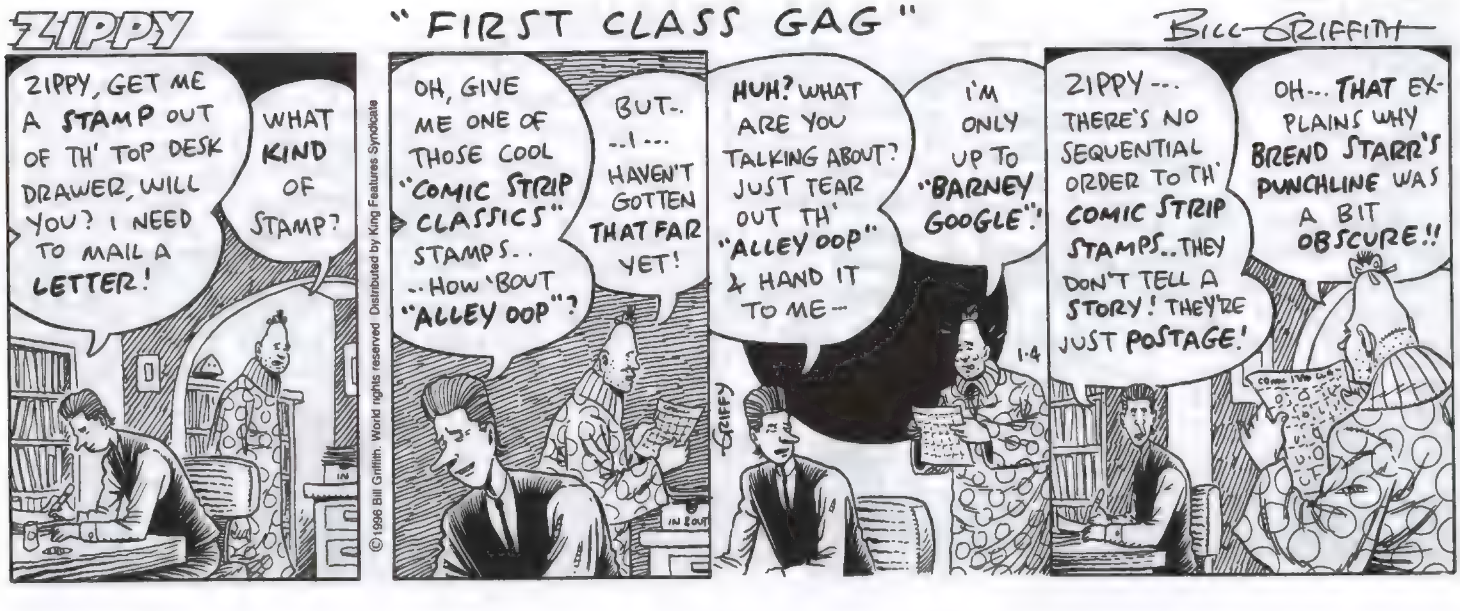
ZIPPY
"FIRST CLASS GAG"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, GET ME A STAMP OUT OF TH' TOP DESK DRAWER, WILL YOU? I NEED TO MAIL A LETTER!
WHAT KIND OF STAMP?
IN
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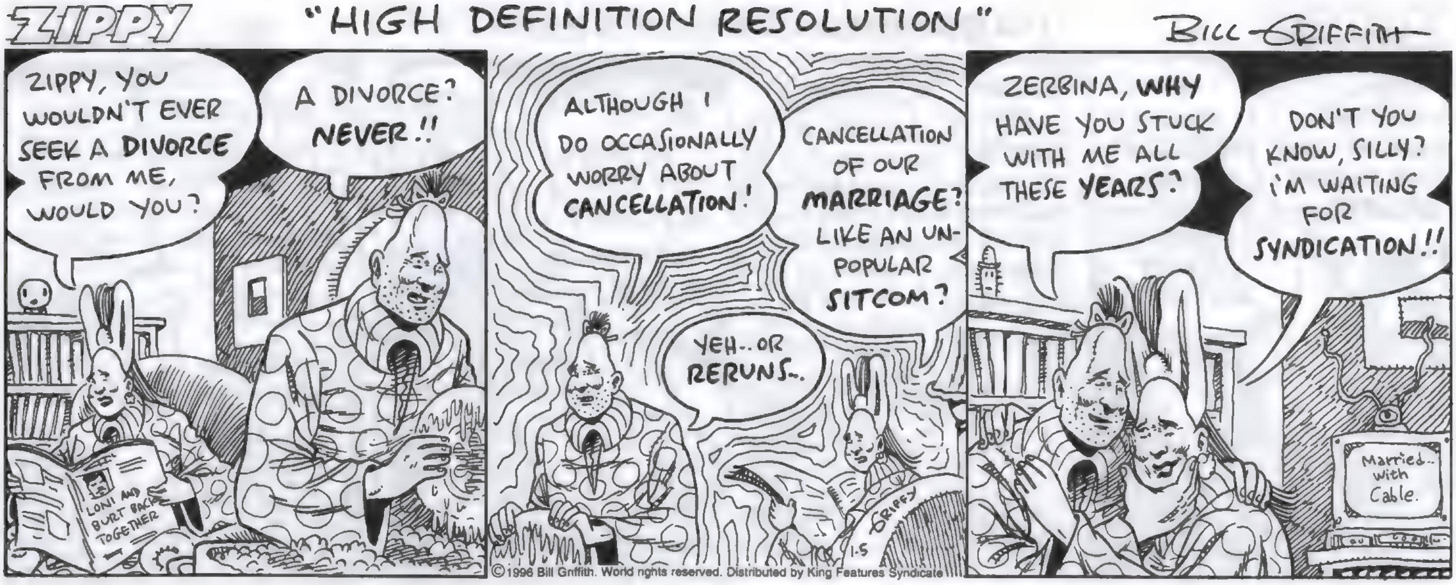
OH, GIVE ME ONE OF THOSE COOL "COMIC STRIP CLASSICS" STAMPS.. ..HOW 'BOUT "ALLEY OOP"?
BUT-. ..I--.. HAVEN'T GOTTEN THAT FAR YET!
IN & OUT
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? JUST TEAR OUT TH' "ALLEY OOP" & HAND IT TO ME--
I'M ONLY UP TO "BARNEY GOOGLE"!
GRIFFY
1-4
ZIPPY--.. THERE'S NO SEQUENTIAL ORDER TO TH' COMIC STRIP STAMPS..THEY DON'T TELL A STORY! THEY'RE JUST POSTAGE!
OH... THAT EXPLAINS WHY BREND STARR'S PUNCHLINE WAS A BIT OBSCURE!!


ZIPPY
"HIGH DEFINITION RESOLUTION"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, YOU WOULDN'T EVER SEEK A DIVORCE FROM ME, WOULD YOU?
A DIVORCE? NEVER!!
LONI AND BURT BACK TOGETHER
ALTHOUGH I DO OCCASIONALLY WORRY ABOUT CANCELLATION!
CANCELLATION OF OUR MARRIAGE? LIKE AN UN-POPULAR SITCOM?
YEH...OR RERUNS...
GRIFFY 1-5
ZERBINA, WHY HAVE YOU STUCK WITH ME ALL THESE YEARS?
DON'T YOU KNOW, SILLY? I'M WAITING FOR SYNDICATION!!
Married... with Cable.
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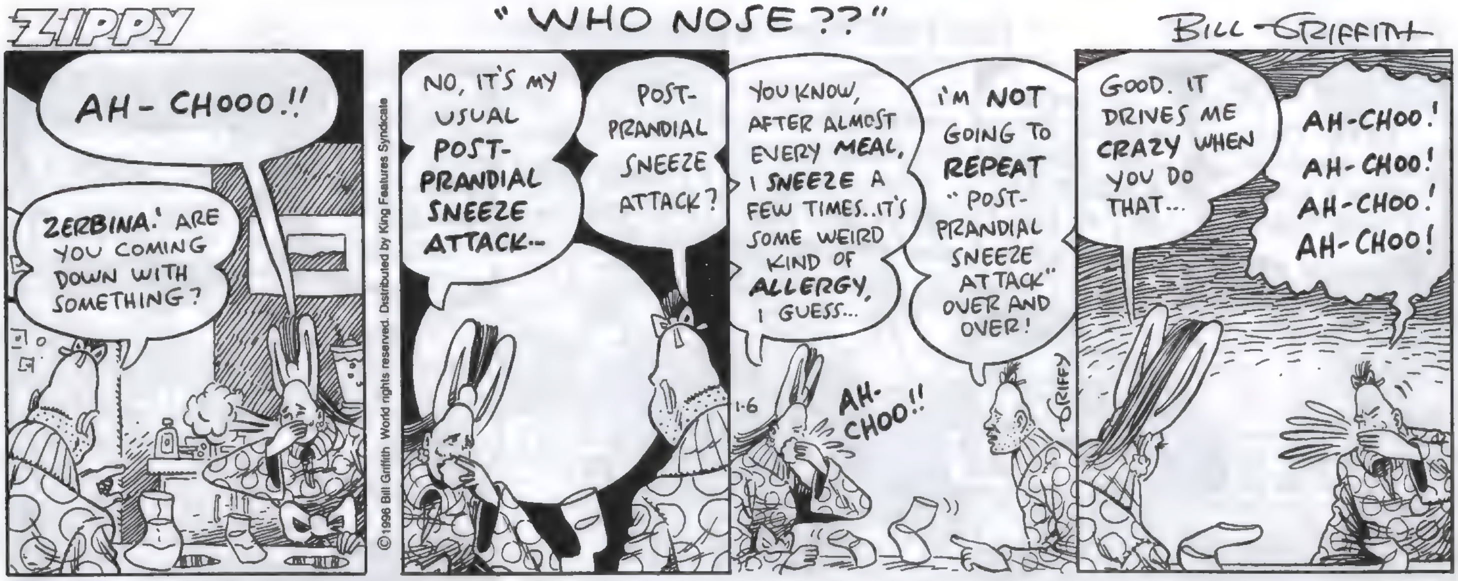
ZIPPY
"WHO NOSE??"
BILL GRIFFITH
AH-CHOOO!!
ZERBINA! ARE YOU COMING DOWN WITH SOMETHING?
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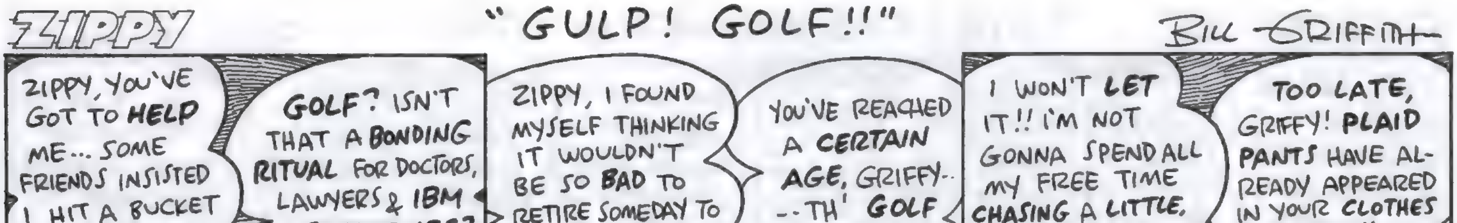
NO, IT'S MY USUAL POST-PRANDIAL SNEEZE ATTACK...
POST-PRANDIAL SNEEZE ATTACK?
YOU KNOW, AFTER ALMOST EVERY MEAL, I SNEEZE A FEW TIMES...IT'S SOME WEIRD KIND OF ALLERGY, I GUESS...
I'M NOT GOING TO REPEAT "POST-PRANDIAL SNEEZE ATTACK" OVER AND OVER!
1-6
AH-CHOO!!
GRIFFY
GOOD. IT DRIVES ME CRAZY WHEN YOU DO THAT...
AH-CHOO! AH-CHOO! AH-CHOO! AH-CHOO!


ZIPPY
"GULP! GOLF!!"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME... SOME FRIENDS INSISTED I HIT A BUCKET OF BALLS AT A DRIVING RANGE... I'D NEVER HAD A GOLF CLUB IN MY HANDS BE-FORE..
GOLF? ISN'T THAT A BONDING RITUAL FOR DOCTORS, LAWYERS & IBM EXECUTIVES?
IT... FELT GOOD..
GRIFFY 1-8
ZIPPY, I FOUND MYSELF THINKING IT WOULDN'T BE SO BAD TO RETIRE SOMEDAY TO A CONDO ON A GOLF COURSE & DIS-CUSS SAND TRAPS & PUTTING GREENS!
YOU'VE REACHED A CERTAIN AGE, GRIFFY.. ..TH' GOLF GENE IS KICKING IN!!
THANKS (I GUESS) TO SAM ROSENBLATT & DAVID SMITH!
I WON'T LET IT!! I'M NOT GONNA SPEND ALL MY FREE TIME CHASING A LITTLE, WHITE BALL AROUND A MANICURED, SUBURBAN HELL!!
NO! NO!!
FORE!!
TOO LATE, GRIFFY! PLAID PANTS HAVE AL-READY APPEARED IN YOUR CLOTHES CLOSET!!
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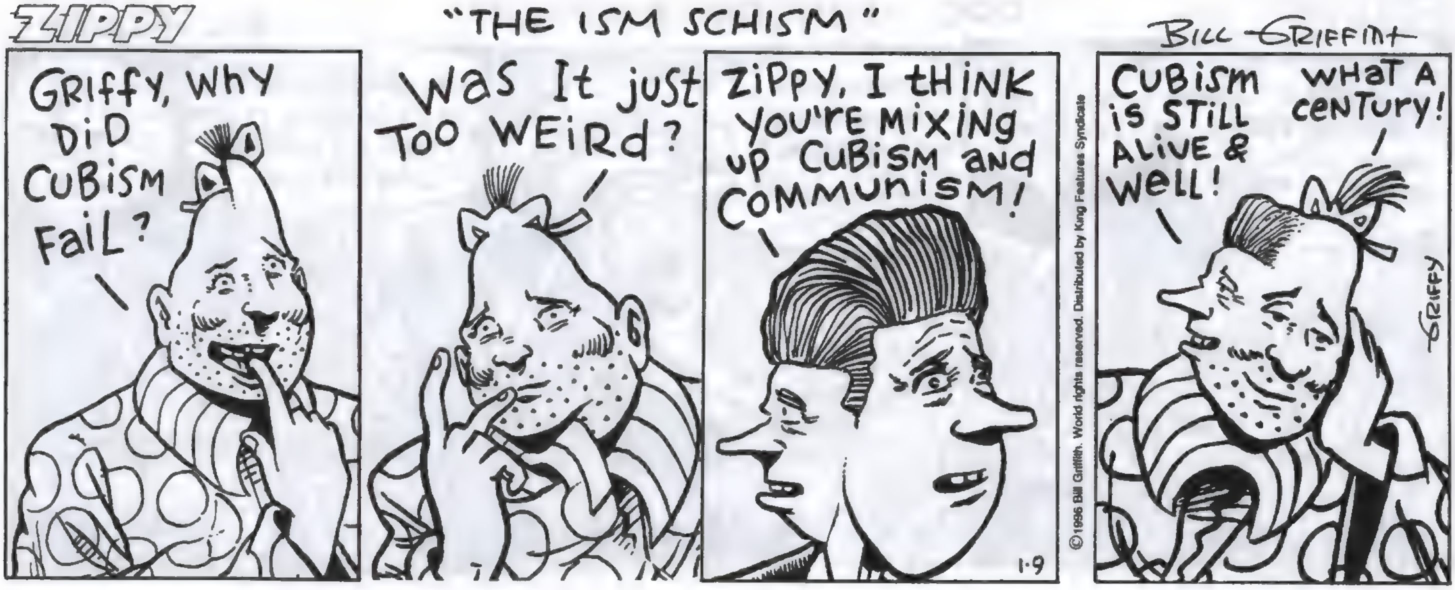
ZIPPY
"THE ISM SCHISM"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY, WHY DID CUBISM FAIL?
WAS IT JUST TOO WEIRD?
ZIPPY, I THINK YOU'RE MIXING UP CUBISM AND COMMUNISM!
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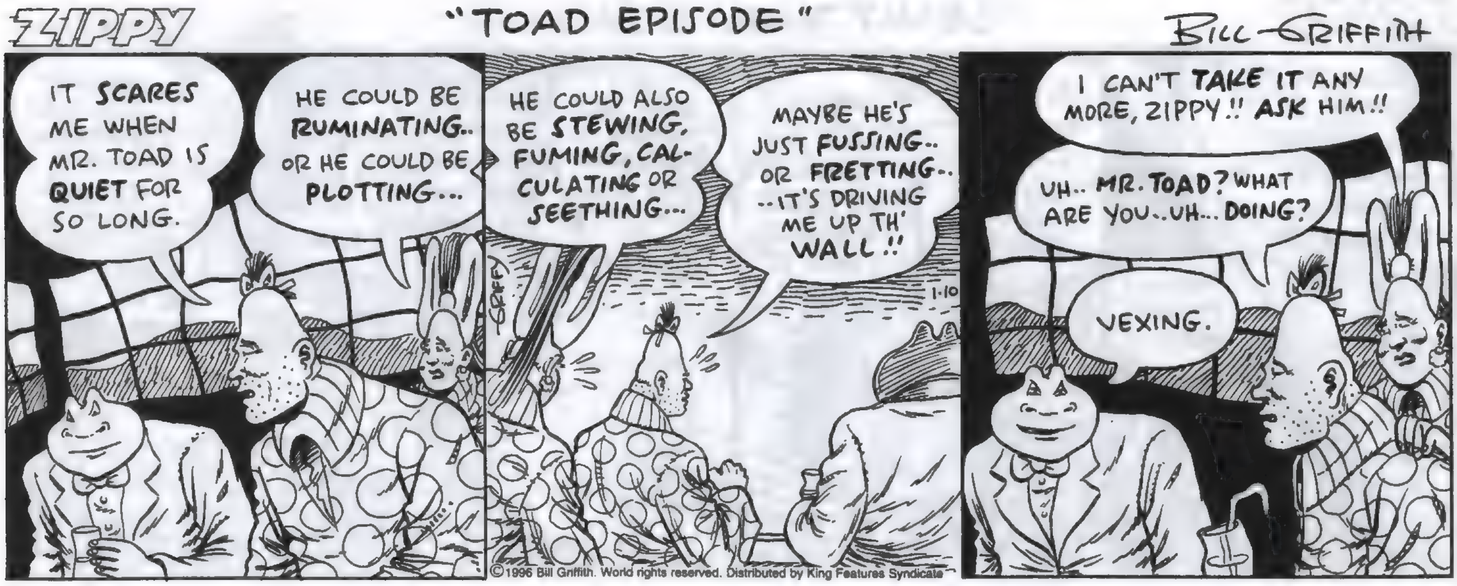
CUBISM IS STILL ALIVE & WELL!
WHAT A CENTURY!
GRIFFY


ZIPPY
"TOAD EPISODE"
BILL GRIFFITH
IT SCARES ME WHEN MR. TOAD IS QUIET FOR SO LONG.
HE COULD BE RUMINATING.. OR HE COULD BE PLOTTING...
HE COULD ALSO BE STEWING, FUMING, CALCULATING OR SEETHING...
MAYBE HE'S JUST FUSSING.. OR FRETTING.. ..IT'S DRIVING ME UP TH' WALL.!!
GRIFFY
1·10
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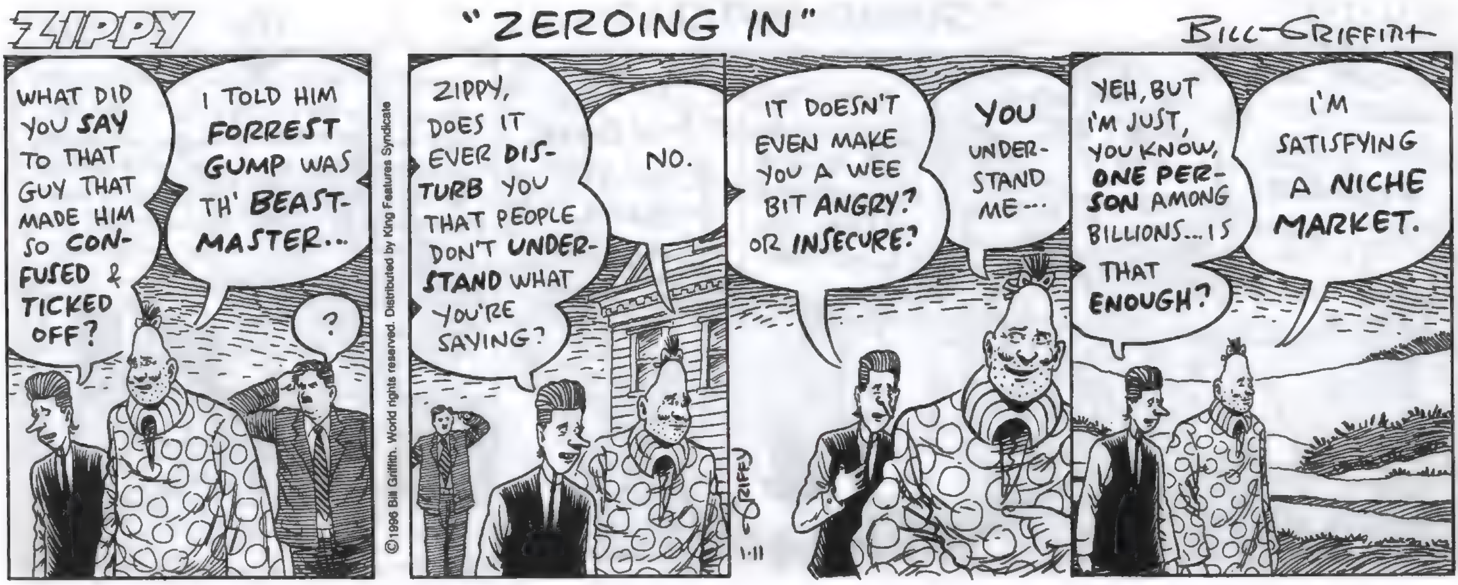
I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY MORE, ZIPPY.!! ASK HIM.!!
UH.. MR. TOAD? WHAT ARE YOU..UH... DOING?
VEXING.


ZIPPY
"ZEROING IN"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT DID YOU SAY TO THAT GUY THAT MADE HIM SO CONFUSED & TICKED OFF?
I TOLD HIM FORREST GUMP WAS TH' BEASTMASTER...
?
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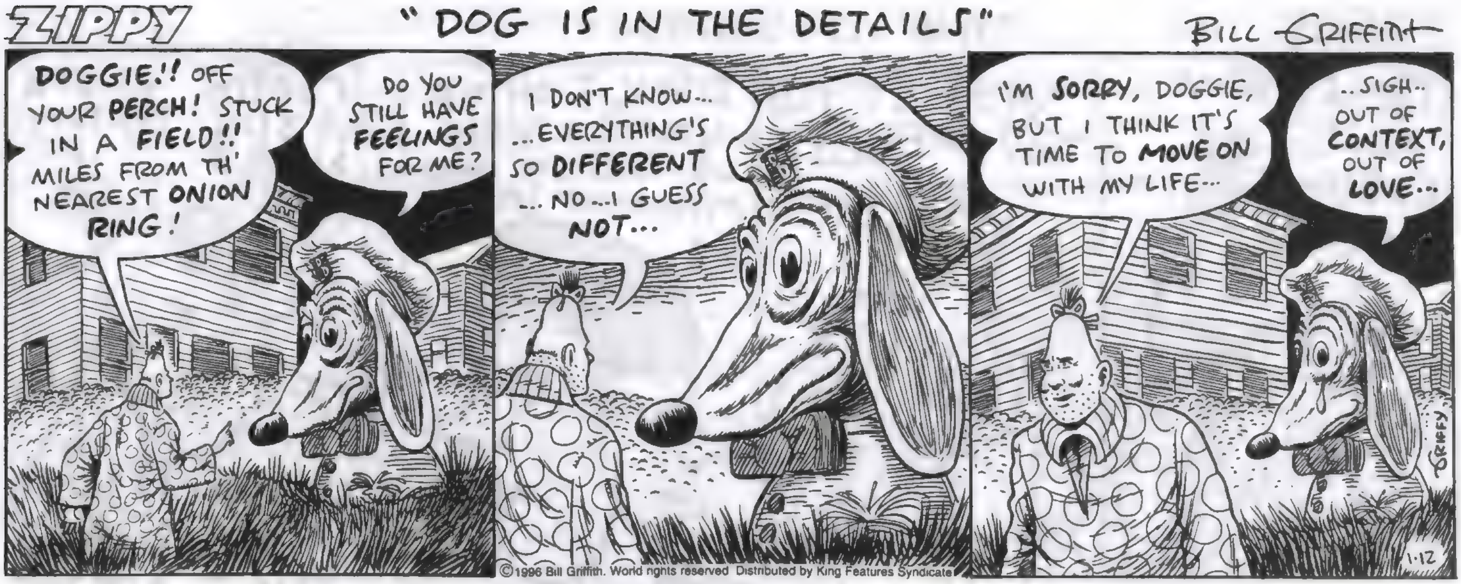
ZIPPY, DOES IT EVER DISTURB YOU THAT PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?
NO.
GRIFFY
1·11
IT DOESN'T EVEN MAKE YOU A WEE BIT ANGRY? OR INSECURE?
YOU UNDERSTAND ME---
YEH, BUT I'M JUST, YOU KNOW, ONE PERSON AMONG BILLIONS...IS THAT ENOUGH?
I'M SATISFYING A NICHE MARKET.


ZIPPY
"DOG IS IN THE DETAILS"
BILL GRIFFITH
DOGGIE!! OFF YOUR PERCH! STUCK IN A FIELD!! MILES FROM TH' NEAREST ONION RING!
DO YOU STILL HAVE FEELINGS FOR ME?
I DON'T KNOW... ...EVERYTHING'S SO DIFFERENT ...NO...I GUESS NOT...
I'M SORRY, DOGGIE, BUT I THINK IT'S TIME TO MOVE ON WITH MY LIFE...
..SIGH.. OUT OF CONTEXT, OUT OF LOVE...
GRIFFY
1-12
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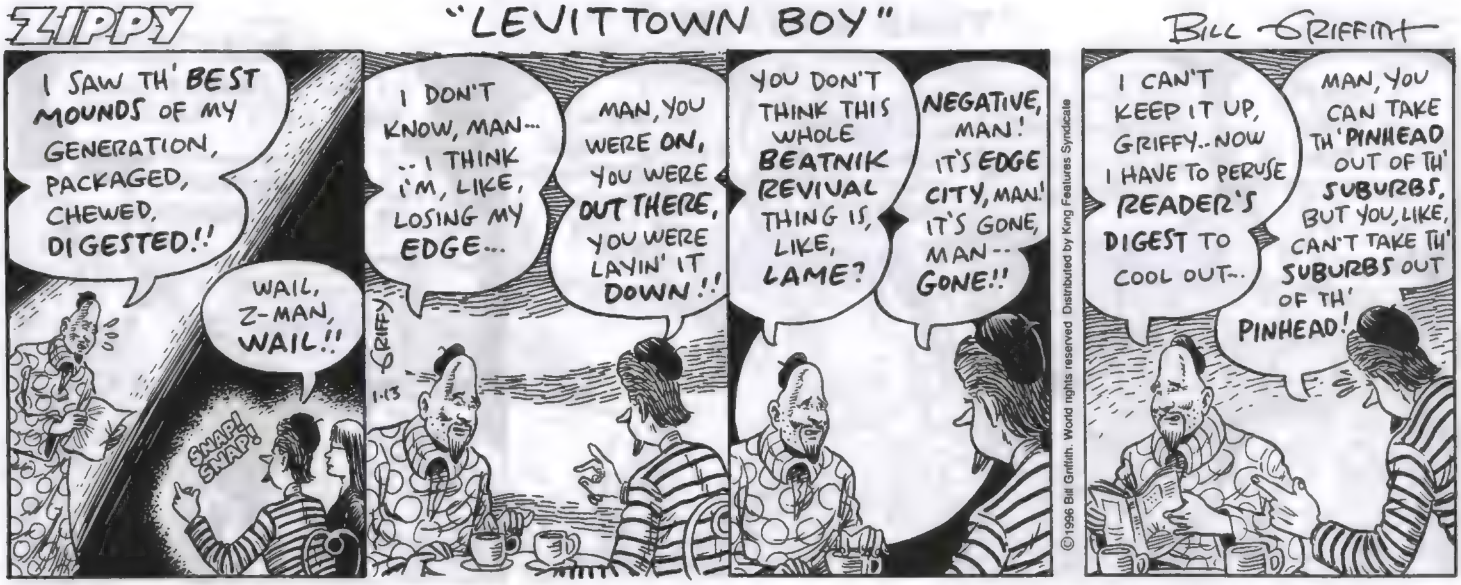
ZIPPY
"LEVITTOWN BOY"
BILL GRIFFITH
I SAW TH' BEST MOUNDS OF MY GENERATION, PACKAGED, CHEWED, DIGESTED!!
WAIL, Z-MAN, WAIL!!
SNAP! SNAP!
I DON'T KNOW, MAN... ..I THINK I'M, LIKE, LOSING MY EDGE...
MAN, YOU WERE ON, YOU WERE OUT THERE, YOU WERE LAYIN' IT DOWN!!
GRIFFY
1-13
YOU DON'T THINK THIS WHOLE BEATNIK REVIVAL THING IS, LIKE, LAME?
NEGATIVE, MAN! IT'S EDGE CITY, MAN! IT'S GONE, MAN-- GONE!!
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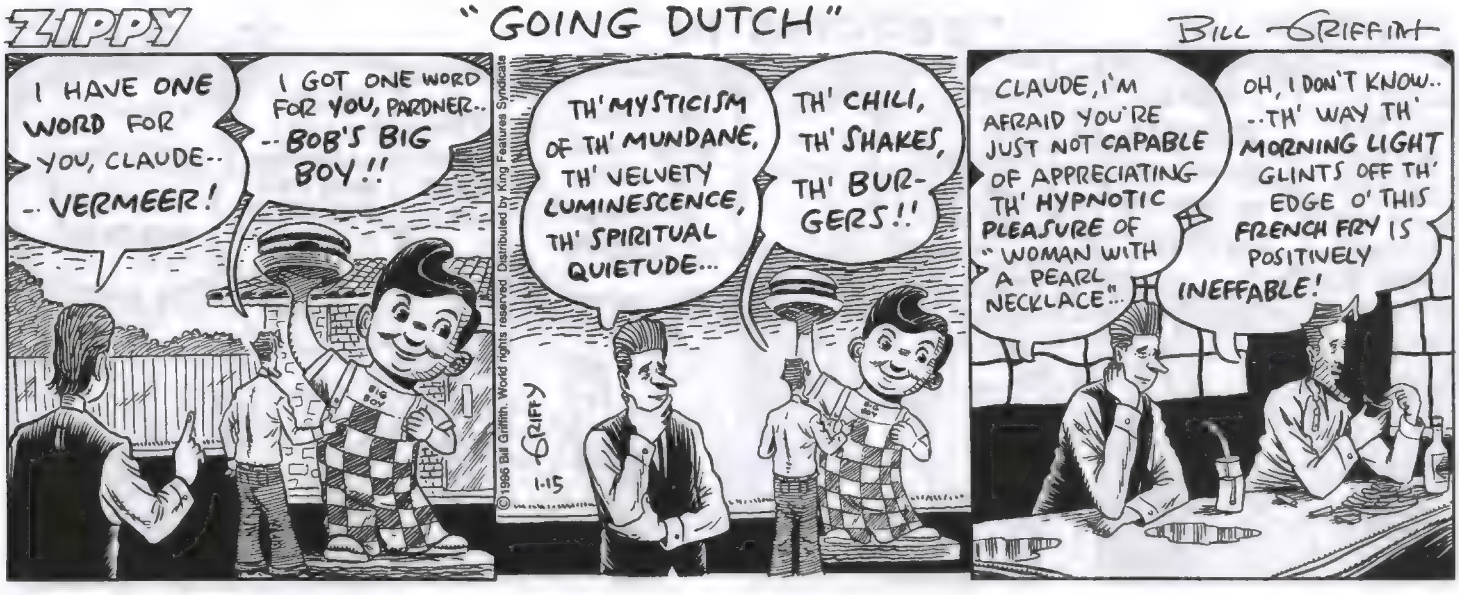
I CAN'T KEEP IT UP, GRIFFY.. NOW I HAVE TO PERUSE READER'S DIGEST TO COOL OUT...
MAN, YOU CAN TAKE TH' PINHEAD OUT OF TH' SUBURBS, BUT YOU, LIKE, CAN'T TAKE TH' SUBURBS OUT OF TH' PINHEAD!


ZIPPY
"GOING DUTCH"
BILL GRIFFITH
I HAVE ONE WORD FOR YOU, CLAUDE.. ..VERMEER!
I GOT ONE WORD FOR YOU, PARDNER.. --BOB'S BIG BOY!!
BIG BOY
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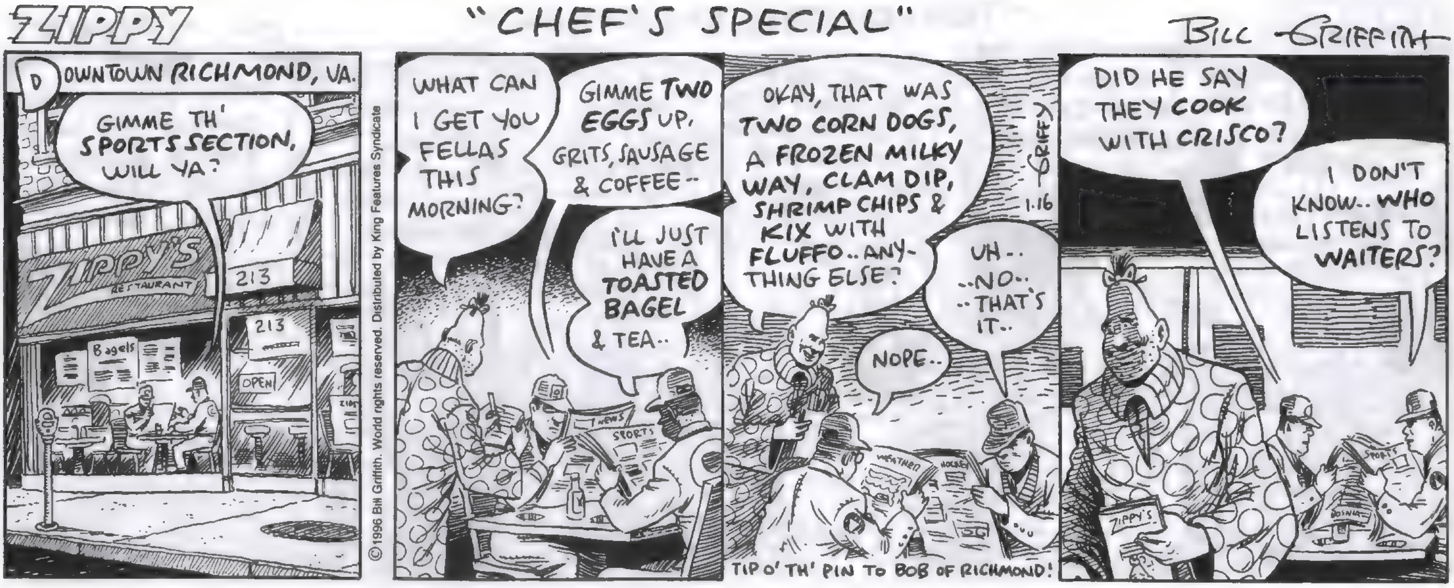
TH' MYSTICISM OF TH' MUNDANE, TH' VELVETY LUMINESCENCE, TH' SPIRITUAL QUIETUDE...
TH' CHILI, TH' SHAKES, TH' BURGERS!!
GRIFFY
1-15
CLAUDE, I'M AFRAID YOU'RE JUST NOT CAPABLE OF APPRECIATING TH' HYPNOTIC PLEASURE OF "WOMAN WITH A PEARL NECKLACE"...
OH, I DON'T KNOW.. ..TH' WAY TH' MORNING LIGHT GLINTS OFF TH' EDGE O' THIS FRENCH FRY IS POSITIVELY INEFFABLE!


ZIPPY
"CHEF'S SPECIAL"
BILL GRIFFITH
DOWNTOWN RICHMOND, VA.
GIMME TH' SPORTS SECTION, WILL YA?
ZIPPY'S RESTAURANT
213
Bagels
OPEN
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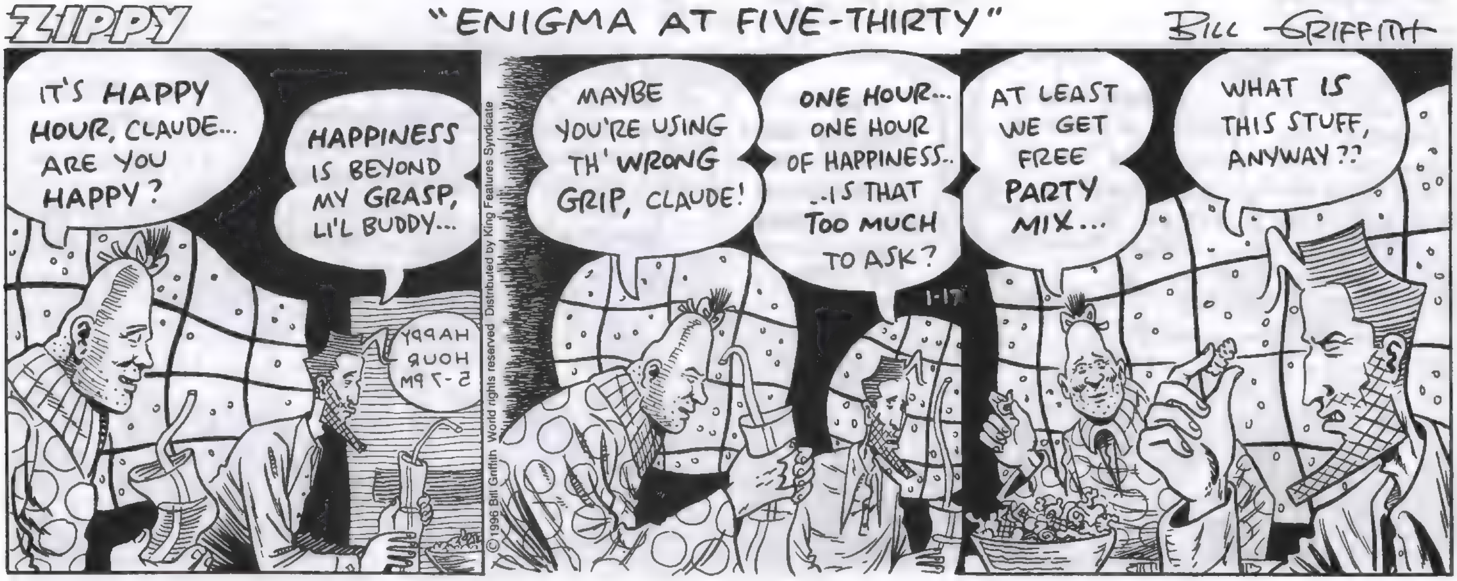
WHAT CAN I GET YOU FELLAS THIS MORNING?
GIMME TWO EGGS UP, GRITS, SAUSAGE & COFFEE--
I'LL JUST HAVE A TOASTED BAGEL & TEA..
NEWS
SPORTS
OKAY, THAT WAS TWO CORN DOGS, A FROZEN MILKY WAY, CLAM DIP, SHRIMP CHIPS & KIX WITH FLUFFO.. ANYTHING ELSE?
GRIFFY
1-16
UH-- --NO-- --THAT'S IT--
NOPE--
WEATHER
HOCKEY
TIP O' TH' PIN TO BOB OF RICHMOND!
DID HE SAY THEY COOK WITH CRISCO?
I DON'T KNOW.. WHO LISTENS TO WAITERS?
ZIPPY'S
SPORTS
BOSNIA


ZIPPY
"ENIGMA AT FIVE-THIRTY"
BILL GRIFFITH
IT'S HAPPY HOUR, CLAUDE... ARE YOU HAPPY?
HAPPINESS IS BEYOND MY GRASP, LI'L BUDDY...
HAPPY HOUR 5-7 PM
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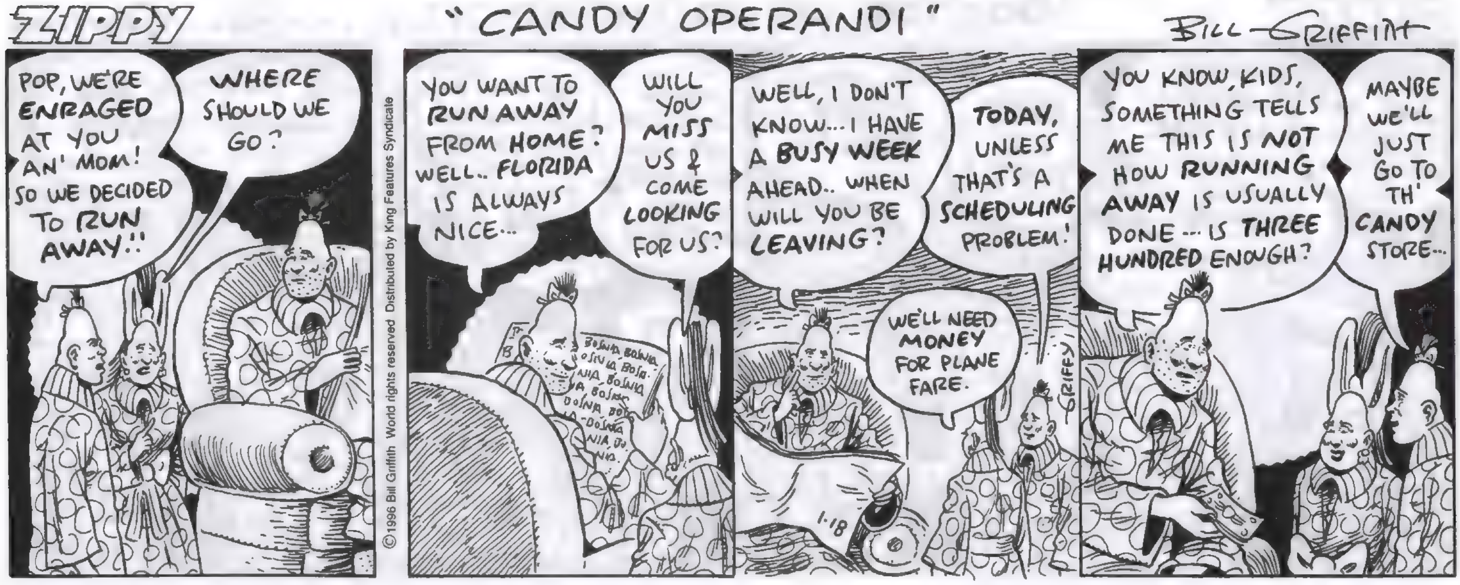
MAYBE YOU'RE USING TH' WRONG GRIP, CLAUDE!
ONE HOUR... ONE HOUR OF HAPPINESS.. ..IS THAT TOO MUCH TO ASK?
1-17
AT LEAST WE GET FREE PARTY MIX...
WHAT IS THIS STUFF, ANYWAY??


ZIPPY
"CANDY OPERANDI"
BILL GRIFFITH
POP, WE'RE ENRAGED AT YOU AN' MOM! SO WE DECIDED TO RUN AWAY!!
WHERE SHOULD WE GO?
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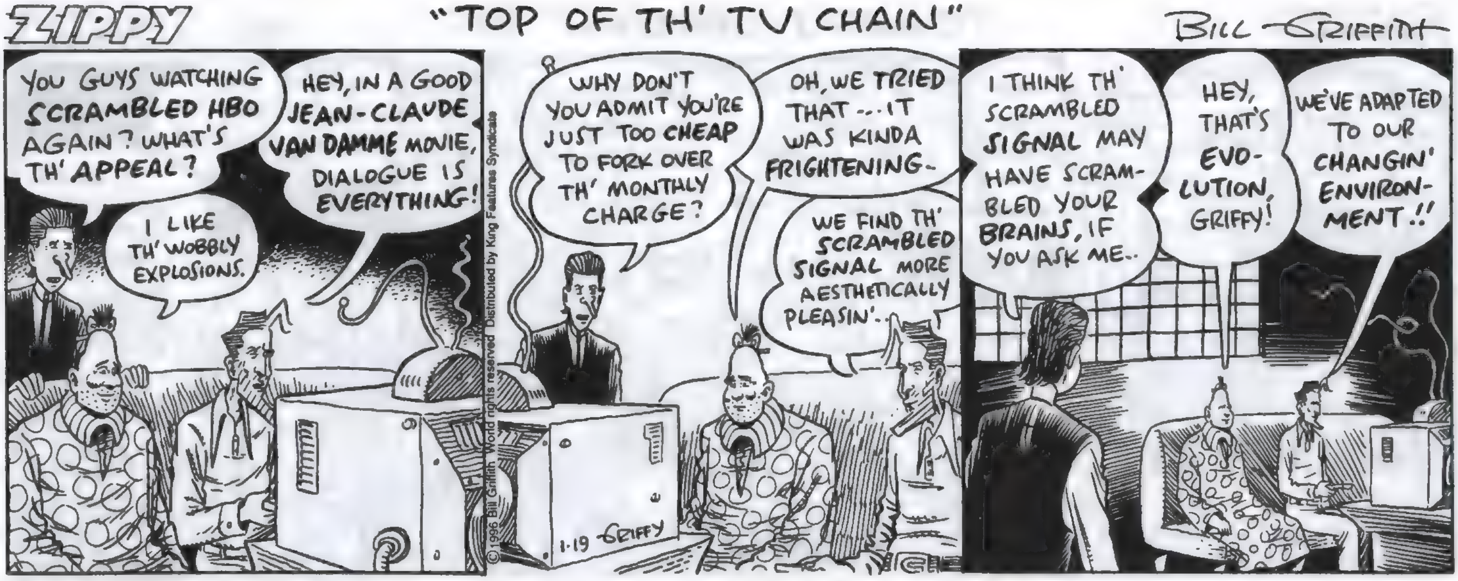
YOU WANT TO RUN AWAY FROM HOME? WELL.. FLORIDA IS ALWAYS NICE...
WILL YOU MISS US & COME LOOKING FOR US?
BOSNIA BOSNIA BOSNIA
WELL, I DON'T KNOW... I HAVE A BUSY WEEK AHEAD.. WHEN WILL YOU BE LEAVING?
TODAY, UNLESS THAT'S A SCHEDULING PROBLEM!
WE'LL NEED MONEY FOR PLANE FARE.
GRIFFY
1-18
YOU KNOW, KIDS, SOMETHING TELLS ME THIS IS NOT HOW RUNNING AWAY IS USUALLY DONE -- IS THREE HUNDRED ENOUGH?
MAYBE WE'LL JUST GO TO TH' CANDY STORE...


ZIPPY
"TOP OF TH' TV CHAIN"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU GUYS WATCHING SCRAMBLED HBO AGAIN? WHAT'S TH' APPEAL?
HEY, IN A GOOD JEAN-CLAUDE VAN DAMME MOVIE, DIALOGUE IS EVERYTHING!
I LIKE TH' WOBBLY EXPLOSIONS.
WHY DON'T YOU ADMIT YOU'RE JUST TOO CHEAP TO FORK OVER TH' MONTHLY CHARGE?
OH, WE TRIED THAT -- IT WAS KINDA FRIGHTENING..
WE FIND TH' SCRAMBLED SIGNAL MORE AESTHETICALLY PLEASIN'..
I THINK TH' SCRAMBLED SIGNAL MAY HAVE SCRAMBLED YOUR BRAINS, IF YOU ASK ME..
HEY, THAT'S EVOLUTION, GRIFFY!
WE'VE ADAPTED TO OUR CHANGIN' ENVIRONMENT.!!
1-19 GRIFFY
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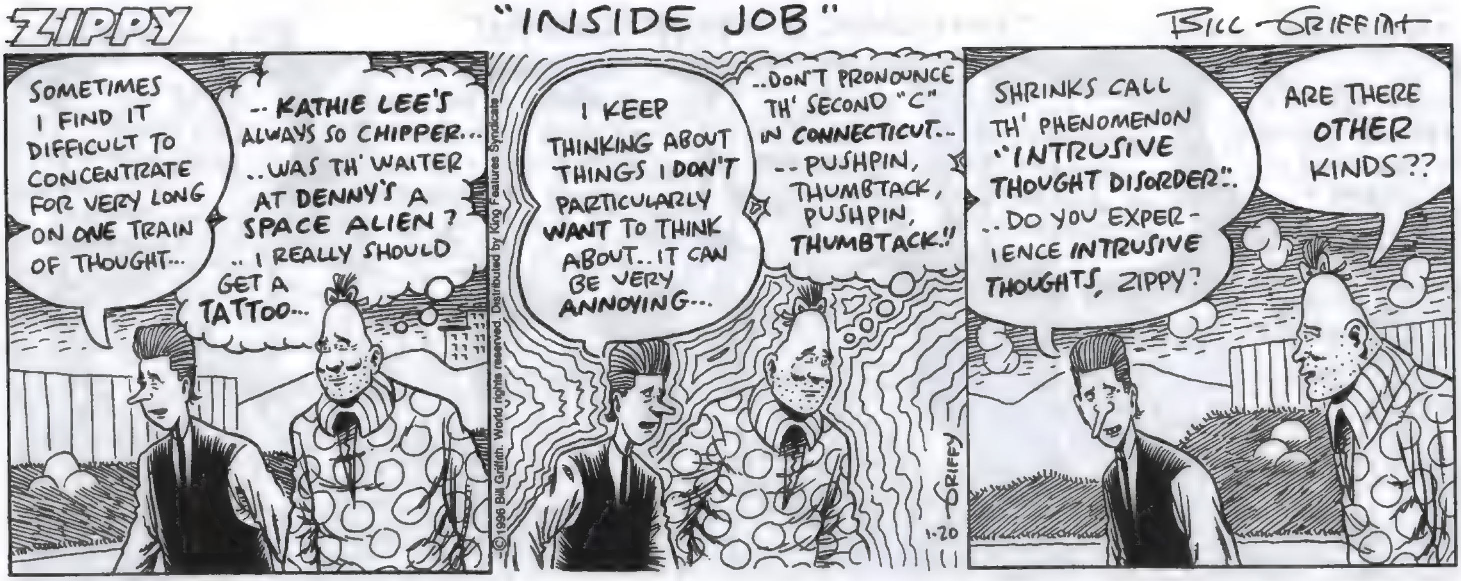
ZIPPY
"INSIDE JOB"
BILL GRIFFITH
SOMETIMES I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO CONCENTRATE FOR VERY LONG ON ONE TRAIN OF THOUGHT...
-- KATHIE LEE'S ALWAYS SO CHIPPER... ..WAS TH' WAITER AT DENNY'S A SPACE ALIEN? .. I REALLY SHOULD GET A TATTOO...
I KEEP THINKING ABOUT THINGS I DON'T PARTICULARLY WANT TO THINK ABOUT.. IT CAN BE VERY ANNOYING...
..DON'T PRONOUNCE TH' SECOND "C" IN CONNECTICUT.. -- PUSHPIN, THUMBTACK, PUSHPIN, THUMBTACK.!!
SHRINKS CALL TH' PHENOMENON "INTRUSIVE THOUGHT DISORDER".. ..DO YOU EXPERIENCE INTRUSIVE THOUGHTS, ZIPPY?
ARE THERE OTHER KINDS??
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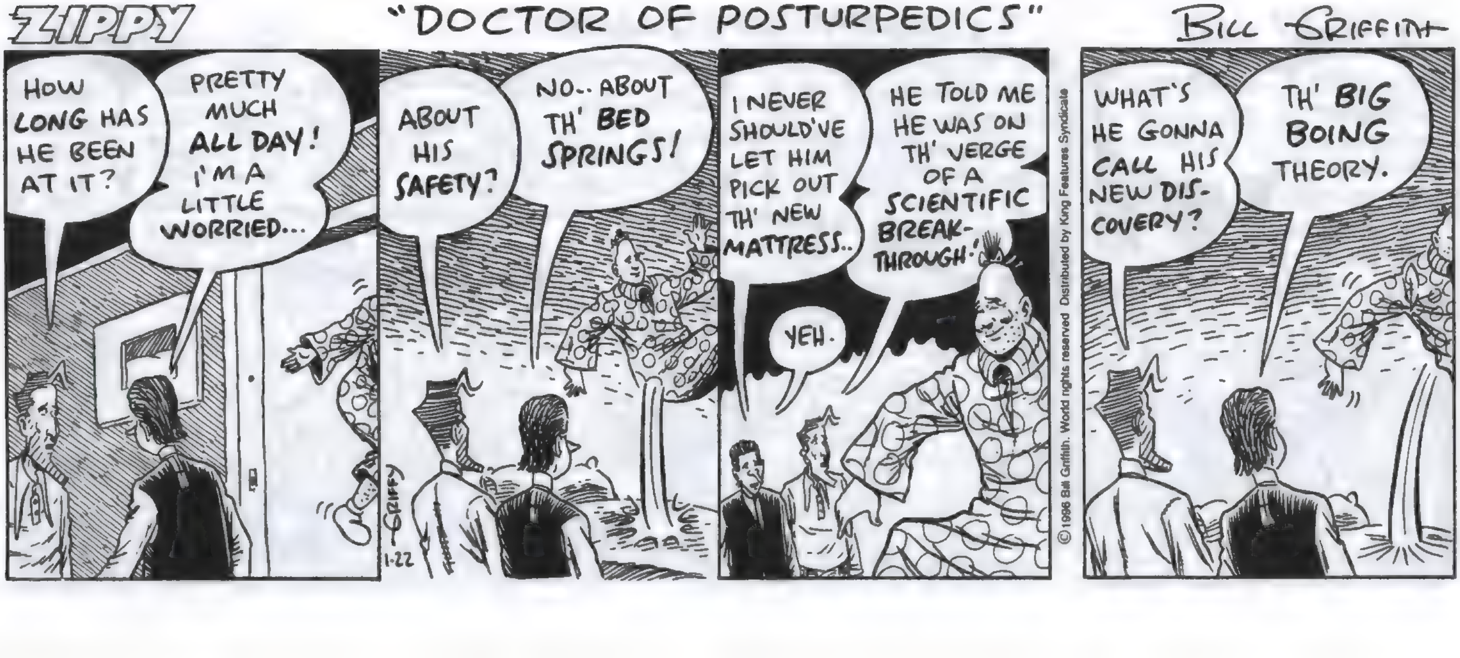
ZIPPY
"DOCTOR OF POSTURPEDICS"
BILL GRIFFITH
HOW LONG HAS HE BEEN AT IT?
PRETTY MUCH ALL DAY! I'M A LITTLE WORRIED...
ABOUT HIS SAFETY?
NO.. ABOUT TH' BED SPRINGS!
I NEVER SHOULD'VE LET HIM PICK OUT TH' NEW MATTRESS..
HE TOLD ME HE WAS ON TH' VERGE OF A SCIENTIFIC BREAKTHROUGH!
YEH.
WHAT'S HE GONNA CALL HIS NEW DISCOVERY?
TH' BIG BOING THEORY.
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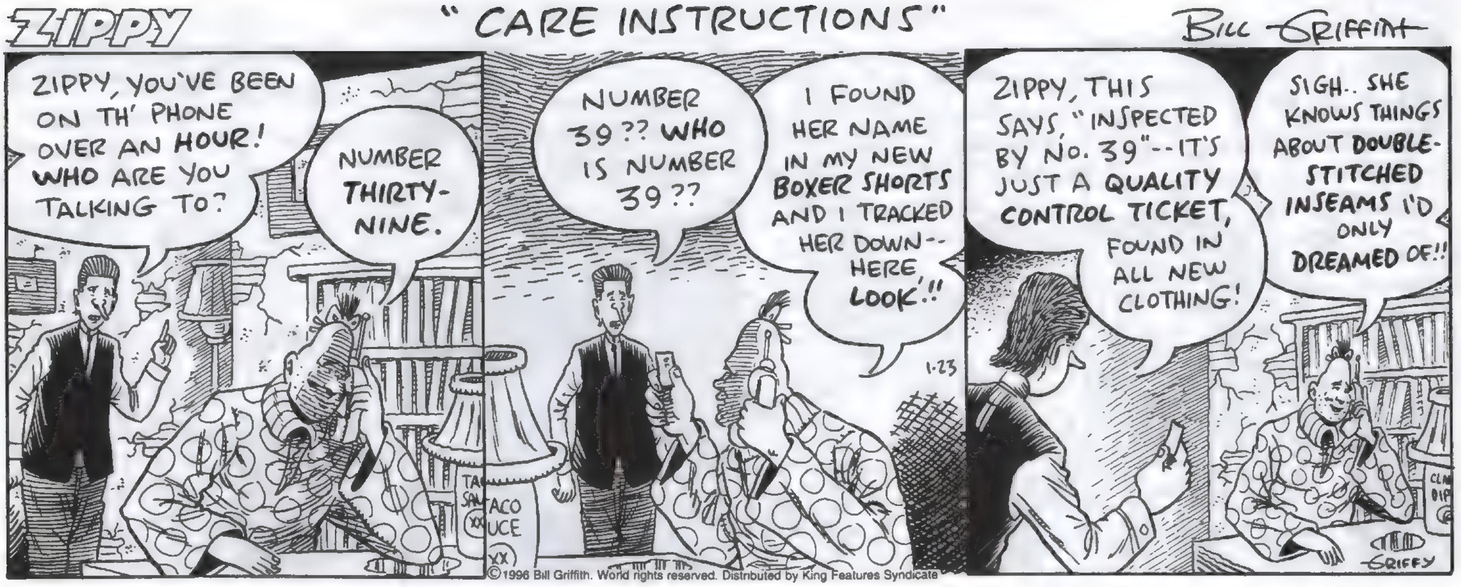
ZIPPY
"CARE INSTRUCTIONS"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, YOU'VE BEEN ON TH' PHONE OVER AN HOUR! WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?
NUMBER THIRTY-NINE.
TACO SAUCE XX
NUMBER 39?? WHO IS NUMBER 39??
I FOUND HER NAME IN MY NEW BOXER SHORTS AND I TRACKED HER DOWN-- HERE, LOOK!!
1-23
ZIPPY, THIS SAYS, "INSPECTED BY No. 39"--IT'S JUST A QUALITY CONTROL TICKET, FOUND IN ALL NEW CLOTHING!
SIGH.. SHE KNOWS THINGS ABOUT DOUBLE-STITCHED INSEAMS I'D ONLY DREAMED OF!!
GRIFFY

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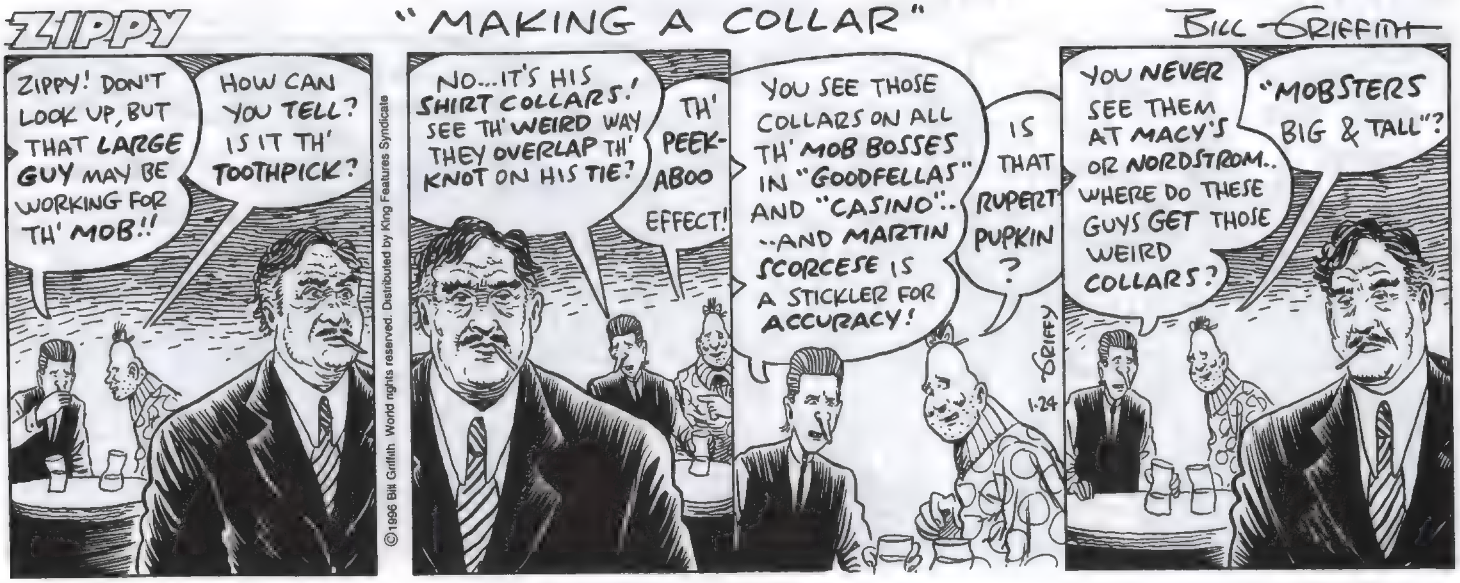
ZIPPY
"MAKING A COLLAR"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY! DON'T LOOK UP, BUT THAT LARGE GUY MAY BE WORKING FOR TH' MOB!!
HOW CAN YOU TELL? IS IT TH' TOOTHPICK?
NO...IT'S HIS SHIRT COLLARS! SEE TH' WEIRD WAY THEY OVERLAP TH' KNOT ON HIS TIE?
TH' PEEK-ABOO EFFECT!
YOU SEE THOSE COLLARS ON ALL TH' MOB BOSSES IN "GOODFELLAS" AND "CASINO"... ..AND MARTIN SCORCESE IS A STICKLER FOR ACCURACY!
IS THAT RUPERT PUPKIN?
GRIFFY
1-24
YOU NEVER SEE THEM AT MACY'S OR NORDSTROM.. WHERE DO THESE GUYS GET THOSE WEIRD COLLARS?
"MOBSTERS BIG & TALL"?

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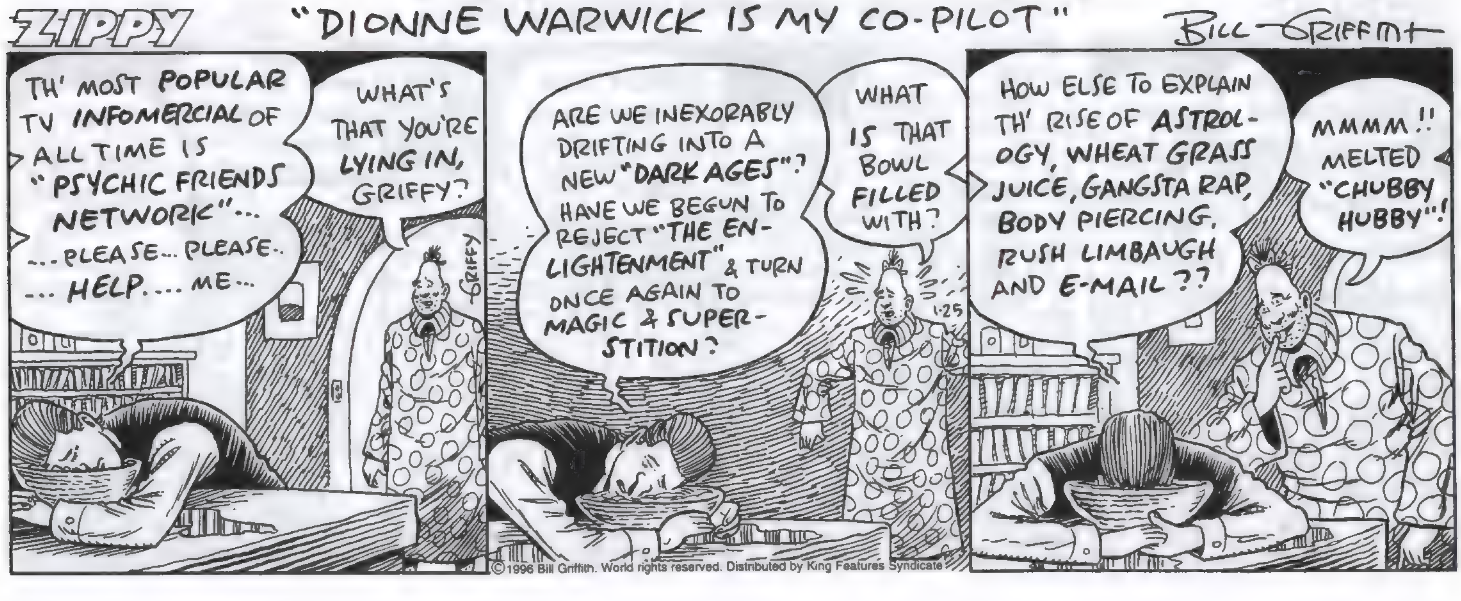
ZIPPY
"DIONNE WARWICK IS MY CO-PILOT"
BILL GRIFFITH
TH' MOST POPULAR TV INFOMERCIAL OF ALL TIME IS "PSYCHIC FRIENDS NETWORK"... ...PLEASE... PLEASE.. ...HELP.... ME...
WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE LYING IN, GRIFFY?
GRIFFY
ARE WE INEXORABLY DRIFTING INTO A NEW "DARK AGES"? HAVE WE BEGUN TO REJECT "THE ENLIGHTENMENT" & TURN ONCE AGAIN TO MAGIC & SUPERSTITION?
WHAT IS THAT BOWL FILLED WITH?
1-25
HOW ELSE TO EXPLAIN TH' RISE OF ASTROLOGY, WHEAT GRASS JUICE, GANGSTA RAP, BODY PIERCING, RUSH LIMBAUGH AND E-MAIL??
MMMM!! MELTED "CHUBBY HUBBY"!

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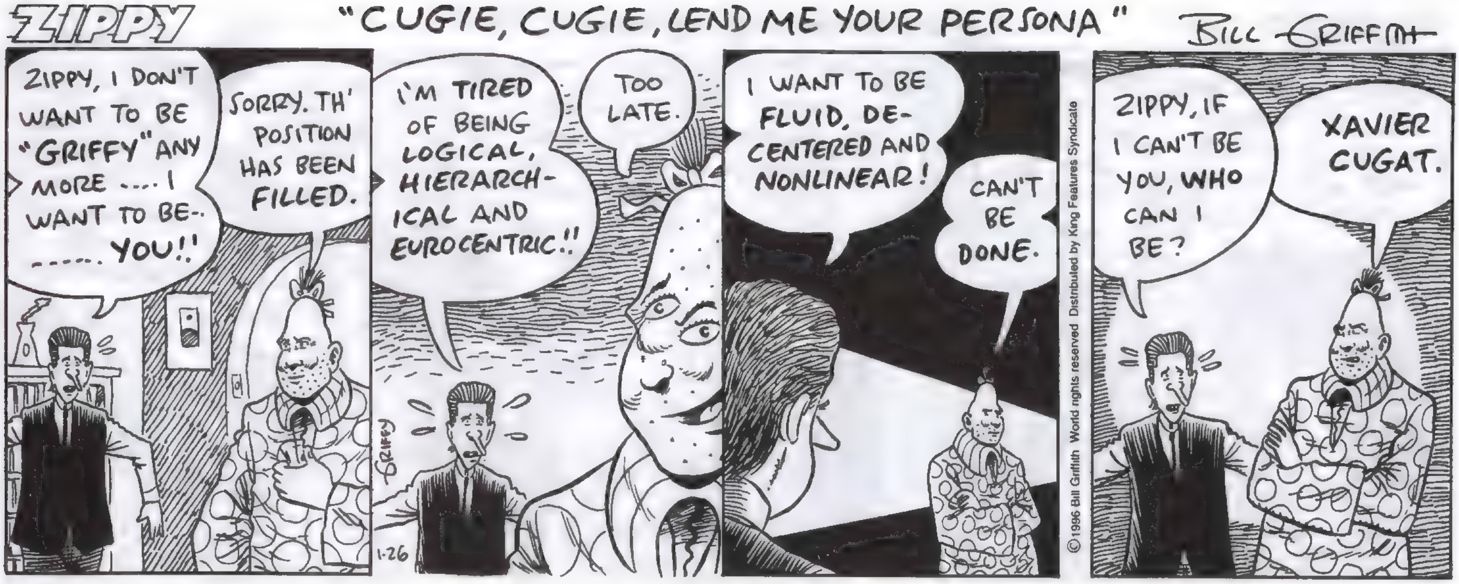
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"CUGIE, CUGIE, LEND ME YOUR PERSONA"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, I DON'T WANT TO BE "GRIFFY" ANY MORE .... I WANT TO BE-- ..... YOU!!
SORRY. TH' POSITION HAS BEEN FILLED.
I'M TIRED OF BEING LOGICAL, HIERARCHICAL AND EUROCENTRIC!!
TOO LATE.
I WANT TO BE FLUID, DE-CENTERED AND NONLINEAR!
CAN'T BE DONE.
ZIPPY, IF I CAN'T BE YOU, WHO CAN I BE?
XAVIER CUGAT.
GRIFFY
1-26

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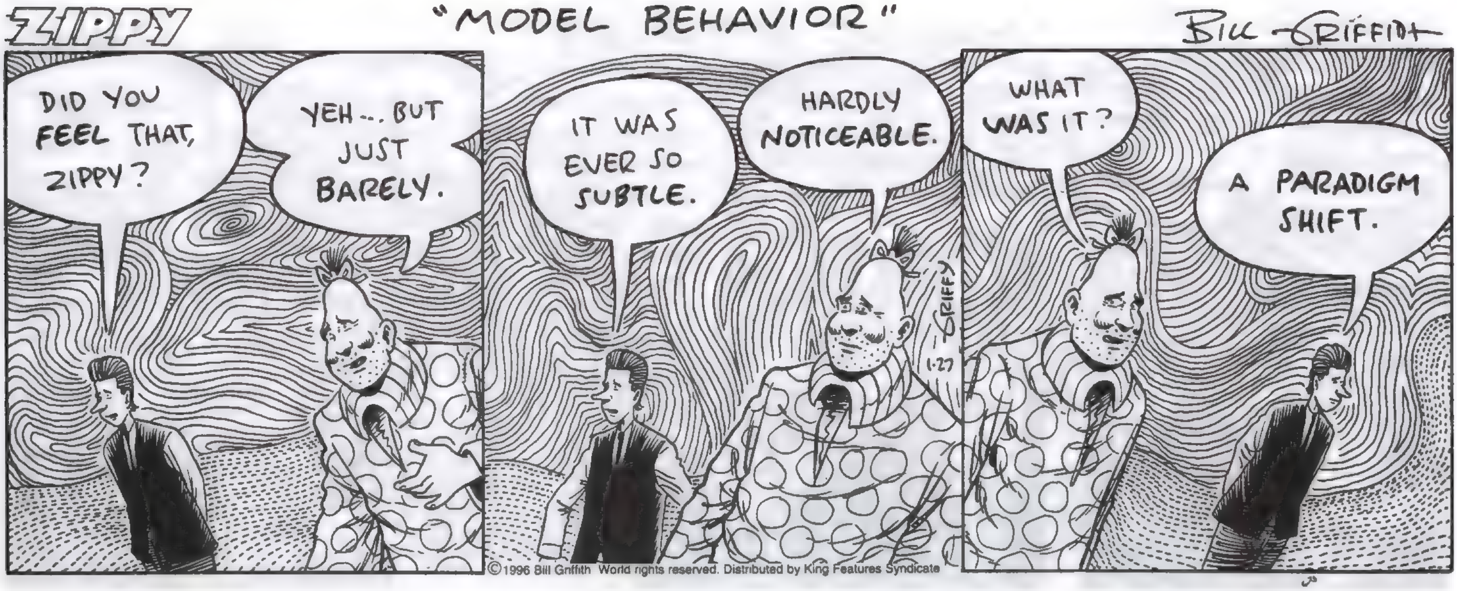
ZIPPY
"MODEL BEHAVIOR"
BILL GRIFFITH
DID YOU FEEL THAT, ZIPPY?
YEH... BUT JUST BARELY.
IT WAS EVER SO SUBTLE.
HARDLY NOTICEABLE.
WHAT WAS IT?
A PARADIGM SHIFT.
GRIFFY
1-27

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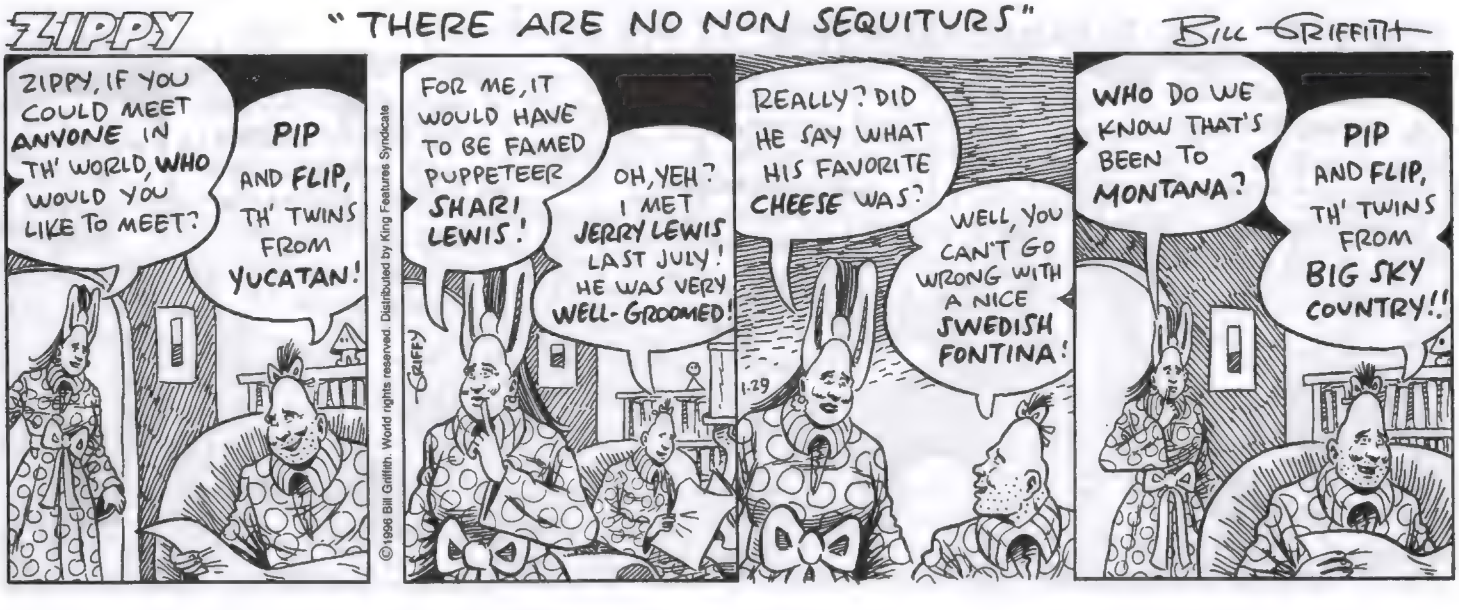
ZIPPY
"THERE ARE NO NON SEQUITURS"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY, IF YOU COULD MEET ANYONE IN TH' WORLD, WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET?
PIP AND FLIP, TH' TWINS FROM YUCATAN!
FOR ME, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE FAMED PUPPETEER SHARI LEWIS!
OH, YEH? I MET JERRY LEWIS LAST JULY! HE WAS VERY WELL-GROOMED!
REALLY? DID HE SAY WHAT HIS FAVORITE CHEESE WAS?
WELL, YOU CAN'T GO WRONG WITH A NICE SWEDISH FONTINA!
WHO DO WE KNOW THAT'S BEEN TO MONTANA?
PIP AND FLIP, TH' TWINS FROM BIG SKY COUNTRY!!
GRIFFY
1-29

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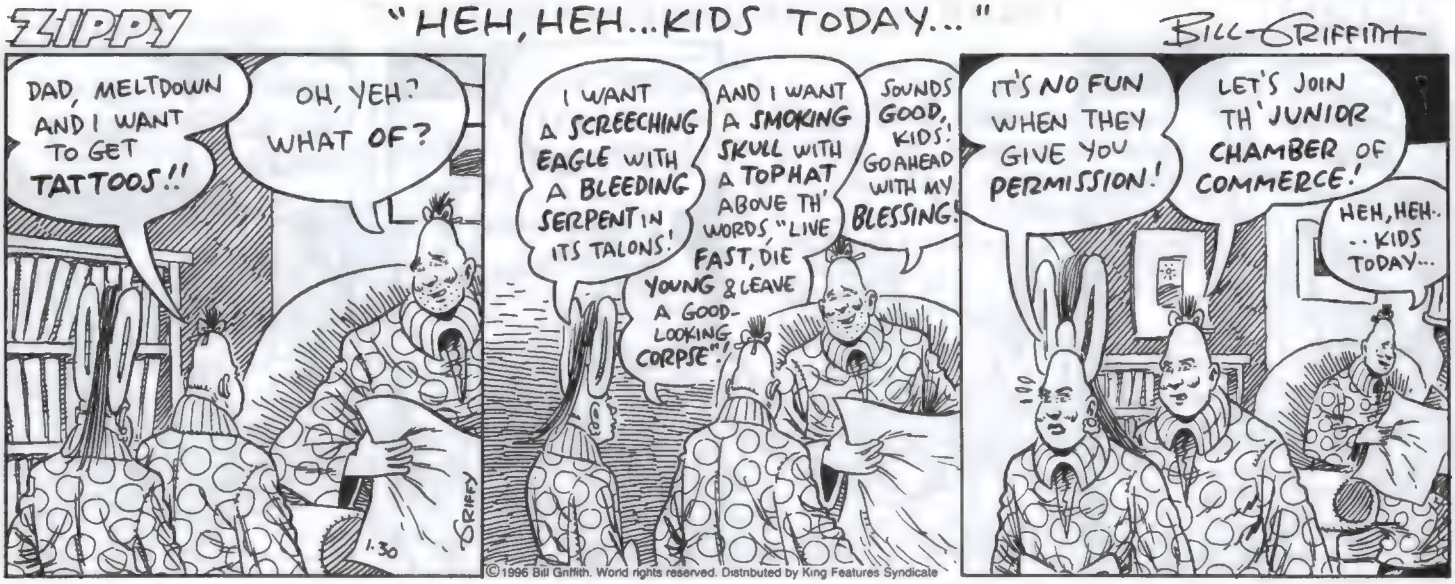
ZIPPY
"HEH, HEH...KIDS TODAY..."
BILL GRIFFITH
DAD, MELTDOWN AND I WANT TO GET TATTOOS!!
OH, YEH? WHAT OF?
I WANT A SCREECHING EAGLE WITH A BLEEDING SERPENT IN ITS TALONS!
AND I WANT A SMOKING SKULL WITH A TOP HAT ABOVE TH' WORDS, "LIVE FAST, DIE YOUNG & LEAVE A GOOD-LOOKING CORPSE"!
SOUNDS GOOD, KIDS! GO AHEAD WITH MY BLESSING!
IT'S NO FUN WHEN THEY GIVE YOU PERMISSION!
LET'S JOIN TH' JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE!
HEH, HEH.. ..KIDS TODAY...
GRIFFY
1-30

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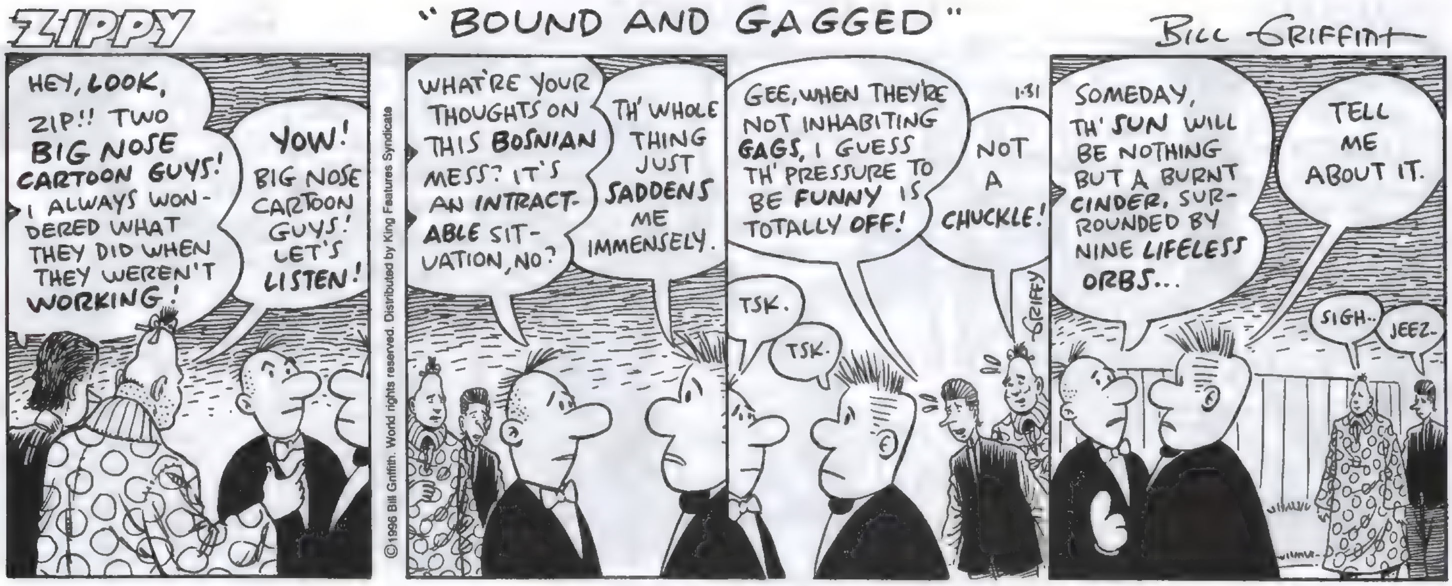
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"BOUND AND GAGGED"
BILL GRIFFITH
HEY, LOOK, ZIP!! TWO BIG NOSE CARTOON GUYS! I ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT THEY DID WHEN THEY WEREN'T WORKING!
YOW! BIG NOSE CARTOON GUYS! LET'S LISTEN!
WHAT'RE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS BOSNIAN MESS? IT'S AN INTRACTABLE SITUATION, NO?
TH' WHOLE THING JUST SADDENS ME IMMENSELY.
GEE, WHEN THEY'RE NOT INHABITING GAGS, I GUESS TH' PRESSURE TO BE FUNNY IS TOTALLY OFF!
NOT A CHUCKLE!
TSK.
TSK.
SOMEDAY, TH' SUN WILL BE NOTHING BUT A BURNT CINDER, SURROUNDED BY NINE LIFELESS ORBS...
TELL ME ABOUT IT.
SIGH..
JEEZ..
GRIFFY
1-31

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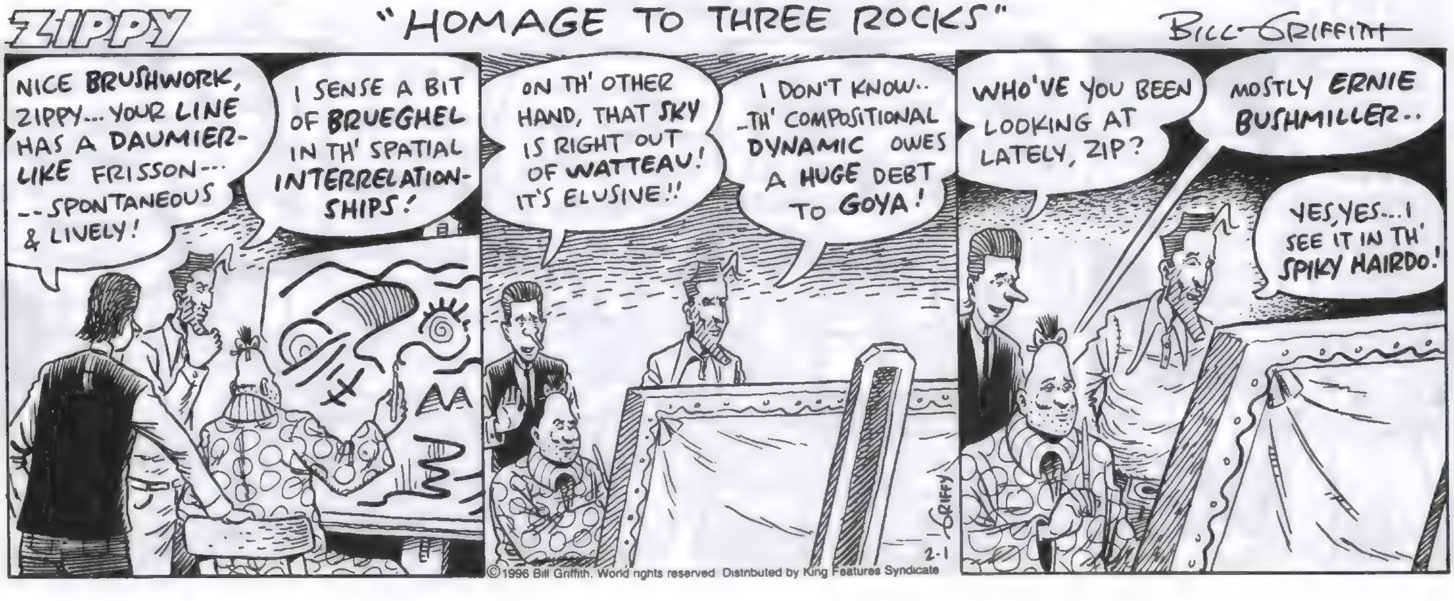
ZIPPY
"HOMAGE TO THREE ROCKS"
BILL GRIFFITH
NICE BRUSHWORK, ZIPPY... YOUR LINE HAS A DAUMIER-LIKE FRISSON... ..SPONTANEOUS & LIVELY!
I SENSE A BIT OF BRUEGHEL IN TH' SPATIAL INTERRELATIONSHIPS!
ON TH' OTHER HAND, THAT SKY IS RIGHT OUT OF WATTEAU! IT'S ELUSIVE!!
I DON'T KNOW.. ..TH' COMPOSITIONAL DYNAMIC OWES A HUGE DEBT TO GOYA!
WHO'VE YOU BEEN LOOKING AT LATELY, ZIP?
MOSTLY ERNIE BUSHMILLER..
YES, YES...I SEE IT IN TH' SPIKY HAIRDO!
GRIFFY
2-1

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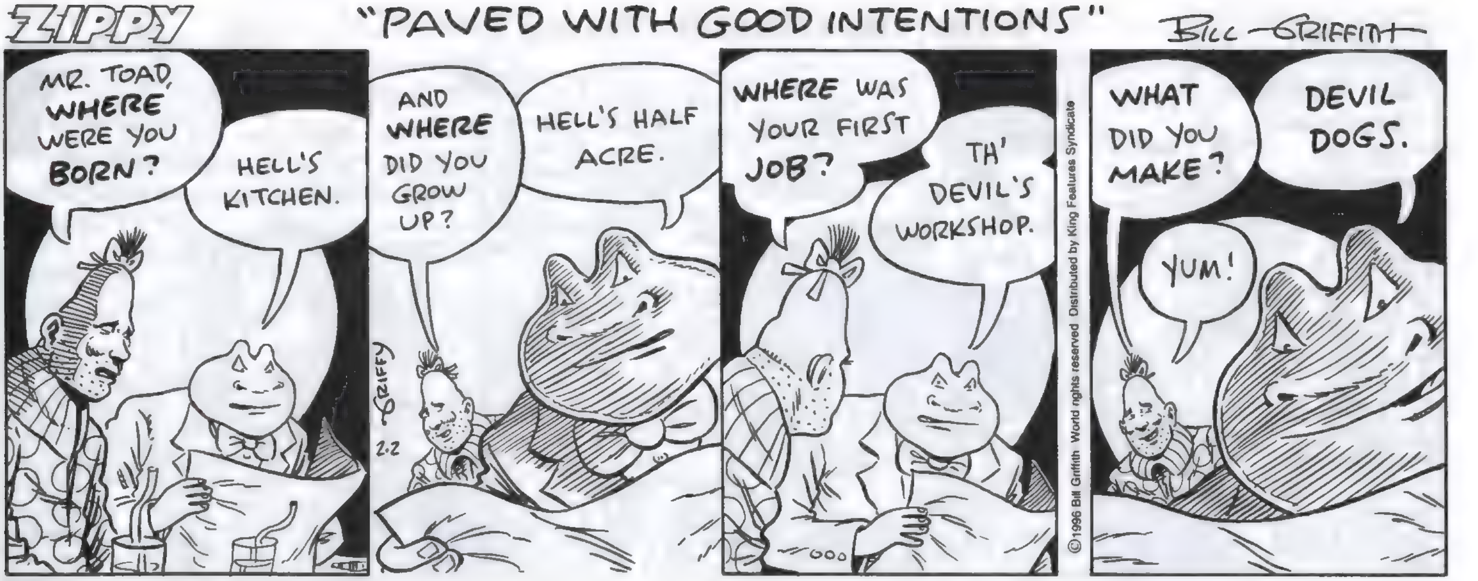
ZIPPY
"PAVED WITH GOOD INTENTIONS"
BILL GRIFFITH
MR. TOAD, WHERE WERE YOU BORN?
HELL'S KITCHEN.
AND WHERE DID YOU GROW UP?
HELL'S HALF ACRE.
GRIFFY 2·2
WHERE WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?
TH' DEVIL'S WORKSHOP.
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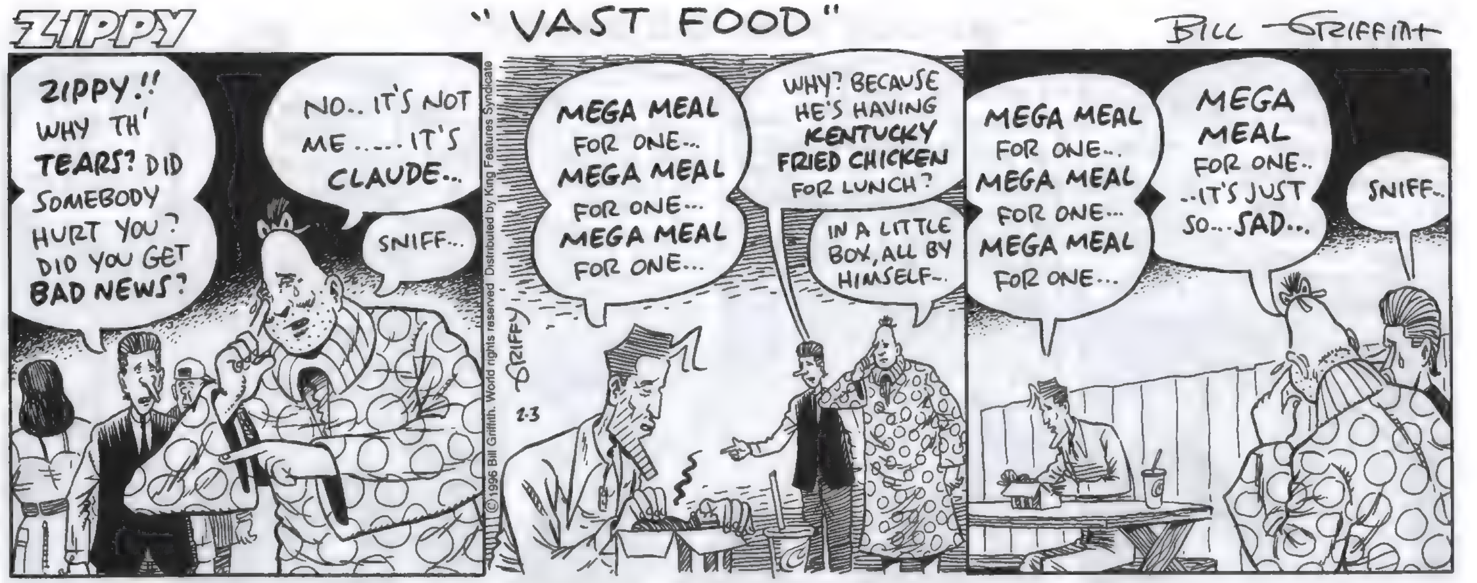
WHAT DID YOU MAKE?
DEVIL DOGS.
YUM!


ZIPPY
"VAST FOOD"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY!! WHY TH' TEARS? DID SOMEBODY HURT YOU? DID YOU GET BAD NEWS?
NO.. IT'S NOT ME..... IT'S CLAUDE...
SNIFF...
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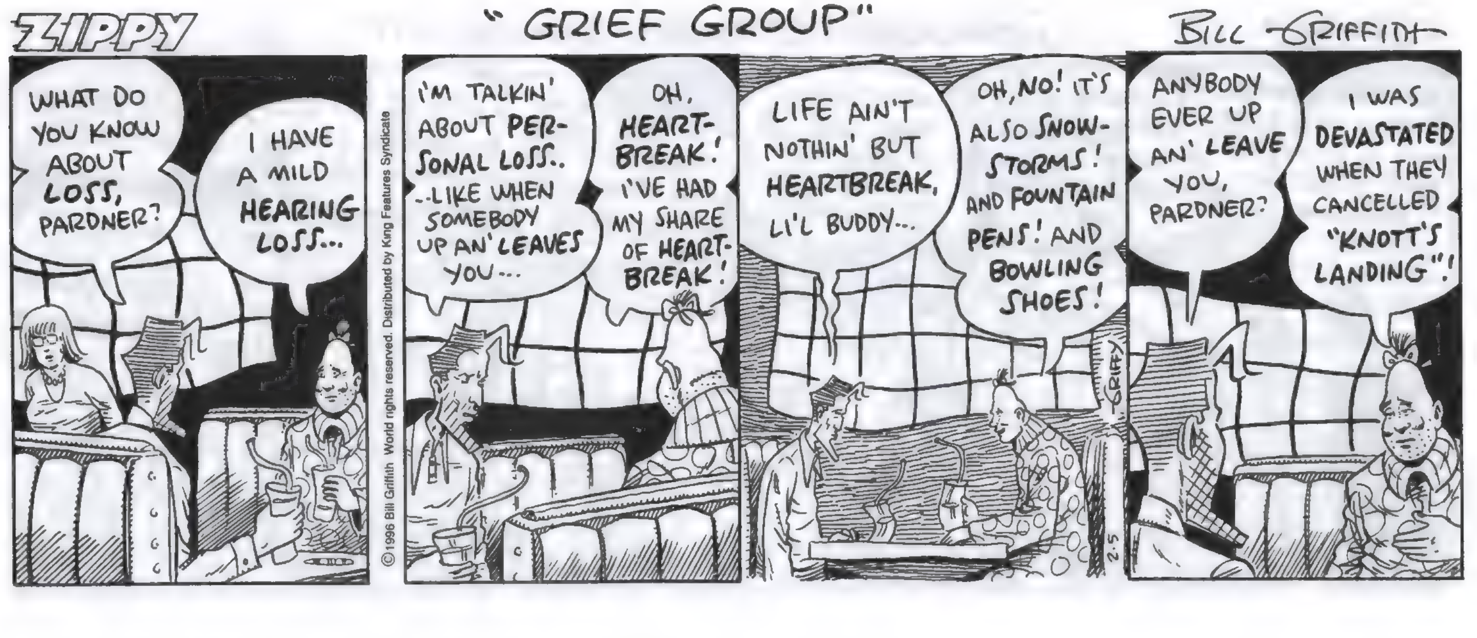
MEGA MEAL FOR ONE... MEGA MEAL FOR ONE... MEGA MEAL FOR ONE...
WHY? BECAUSE HE'S HAVING KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN FOR LUNCH?
IN A LITTLE BOX, ALL BY HIMSELF...
GRIFFY 2·3
MEGA MEAL FOR ONE... MEGA MEAL FOR ONE... MEGA MEAL FOR ONE...
MEGA MEAL FOR ONE.. ..IT'S JUST SO... SAD...
SNIFF..


ZIPPY
"GRIEF GROUP"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT LOSS, PARDNER?
I HAVE A MILD HEARING LOSS...
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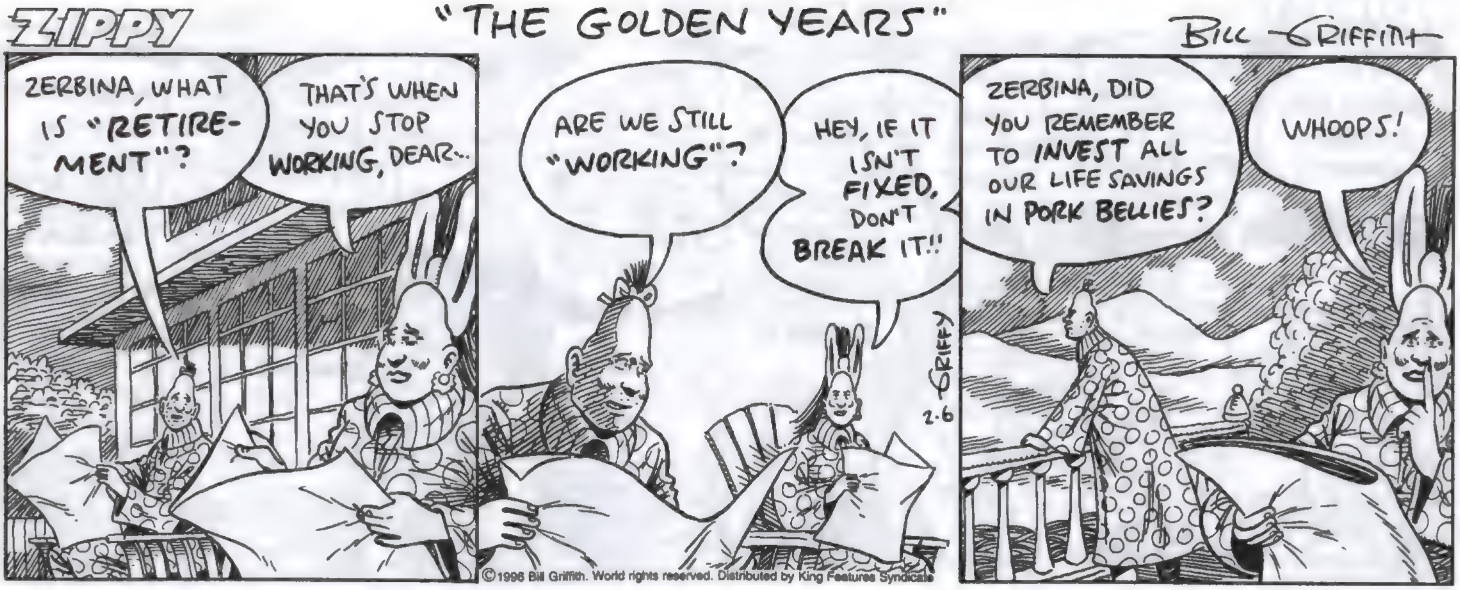
I'M TALKIN' ABOUT PERSONAL LOSS.. ..LIKE WHEN SOMEBODY UP AN' LEAVES YOU...
OH, HEARTBREAK! I'VE HAD MY SHARE OF HEARTBREAK!
LIFE AIN'T NOTHIN' BUT HEARTBREAK, LI'L BUDDY...
OH, NO! IT'S ALSO SNOWSTORMS! AND FOUNTAIN PENS! AND BOWLING SHOES!
GRIFFY 2·5
ANYBODY EVER UP AN' LEAVE YOU, PARDNER?
I WAS DEVASTATED WHEN THEY CANCELLED "KNOTT'S LANDING"!


ZIPPY
"THE GOLDEN YEARS"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZERBINA, WHAT IS "RETIREMENT"?
THAT'S WHEN YOU STOP WORKING, DEAR...
ARE WE STILL "WORKING"?
HEY, IF IT ISN'T FIXED, DON'T BREAK IT!!
GRIFFY 2·6
ZERBINA, DID YOU REMEMBER TO INVEST ALL OUR LIFE SAVINGS IN PORK BELLIES?
WHOOPS!
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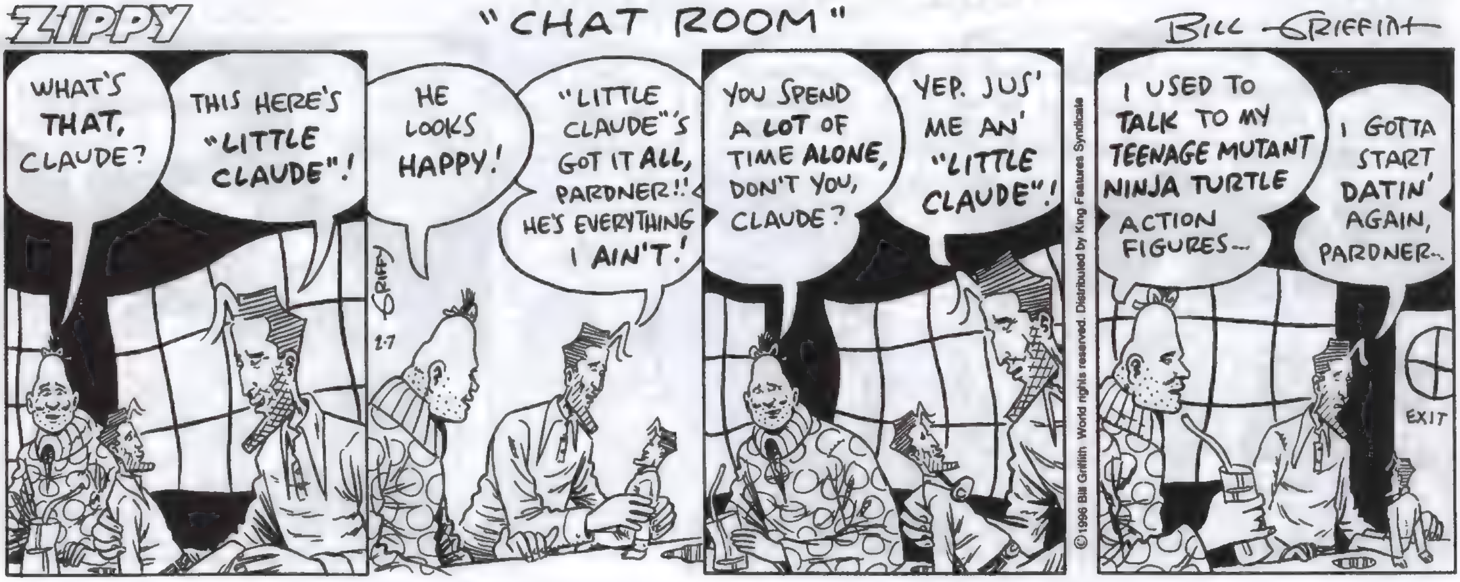
ZIPPY
"CHAT ROOM"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHAT'S THAT, CLAUDE?
THIS HERE'S "LITTLE CLAUDE"!
HE LOOKS HAPPY!
"LITTLE CLAUDE"'S GOT IT ALL, PARDNER!! HE'S EVERYTHING I AIN'T!
GRIFFY 2-7
YOU SPEND A LOT OF TIME ALONE, DON'T YOU, CLAUDE?
YEP. JUS' ME AN' "LITTLE CLAUDE"!
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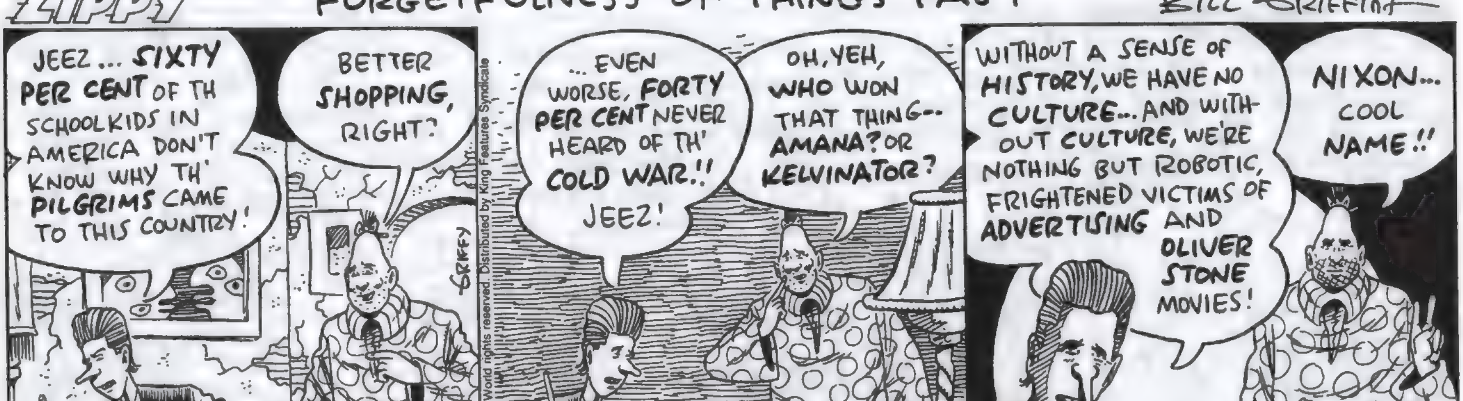
I USED TO TALK TO MY TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLE ACTION FIGURES...
I GOTTA START DATIN' AGAIN, PARDNER...
EXIT


ZIPPY
"FORGETFULNESS OF THINGS PAST"
BILL GRIFFITH
JEEZ... SIXTY PER CENT OF TH SCHOOLKIDS IN AMERICA DON'T KNOW WHY TH' PILGRIMS CAME TO THIS COUNTRY!
BETTER SHOPPING, RIGHT?
GRIFFY
ALL TH' NEWS! STRANGE BUT TRUE! GRIFFY STILL RECEIVES NEWS FROM ANCIENT PRINT SOURCES!
EGGPLANTS & ELEVATORS
THE YELLOW KID
ALBRECHT DURER
CABLE CAR DAYS
DYNAMIC ANATOMY
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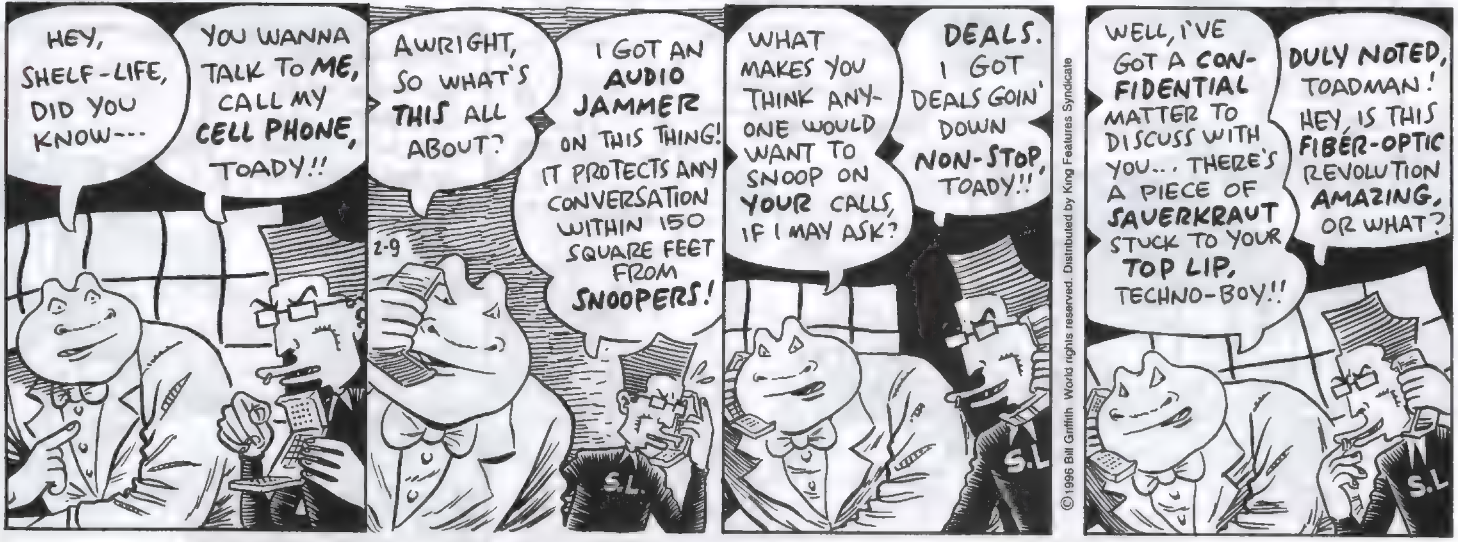
...EVEN WORSE, FORTY PER CENT NEVER HEARD OF TH' COLD WAR!! JEEZ!
OH, YEH, WHO WON THAT THING-- AMANA? OR KELVINATOR?
2·8
WITHOUT A SENSE OF HISTORY, WE HAVE NO CULTURE... AND WITHOUT CULTURE, WE'RE NOTHING BUT ROBOTIC, FRIGHTENED VICTIMS OF ADVERTISING AND OLIVER STONE MOVIES!
NIXON... COOL NAME!!

ZIPPY "VOICE MEAL" BILL GRIFFITH


HEY, SHELF-LIFE, DID YOU KNOW---
YOU WANNA TALK TO ME, CALL MY CELL PHONE, TOADY!!
AWRIGHT, SO WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
I GOT AN AUDIO JAMMER ON THIS THING! IT PROTECTS ANY CONVERSATION WITHIN 150 SQUARE FEET FROM SNOOPERS!
2-9
S.L.
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK ANYONE WOULD WANT TO SNOOP ON YOUR CALLS, IF I MAY ASK?
DEALS. I GOT DEALS GOIN' DOWN NON-STOP, TOADY!!
S.L.
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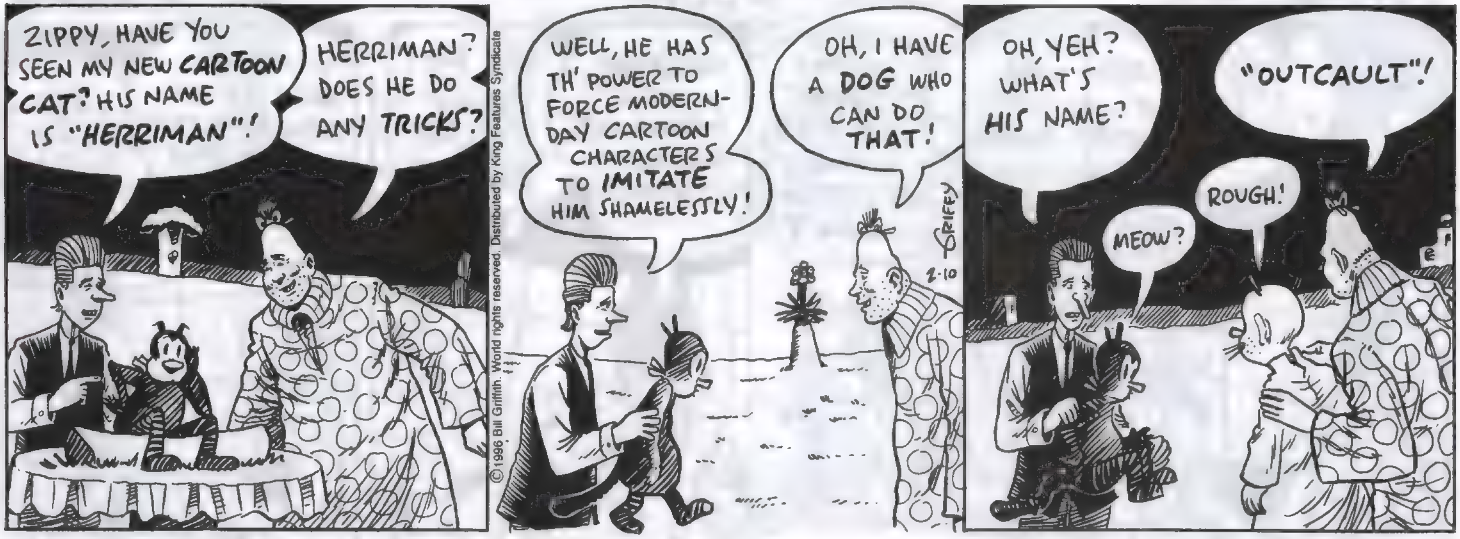
WELL, I'VE GOT A CONFIDENTIAL MATTER TO DISCUSS WITH YOU... THERE'S A PIECE OF SAUERKRAUT STUCK TO YOUR TOP LIP, TECHNO-BOY!!
DULY NOTED, TOADMAN! HEY, IS THIS FIBER-OPTIC REVOLUTION AMAZING, OR WHAT?
S.L

ZIPPY "KRAZY, YET YELLOW" BILL GRIFFITH


ZIPPY, HAVE YOU SEEN MY NEW CARTOON CAT? HIS NAME IS "HERRIMAN"!
HERRIMAN? DOES HE DO ANY TRICKS?
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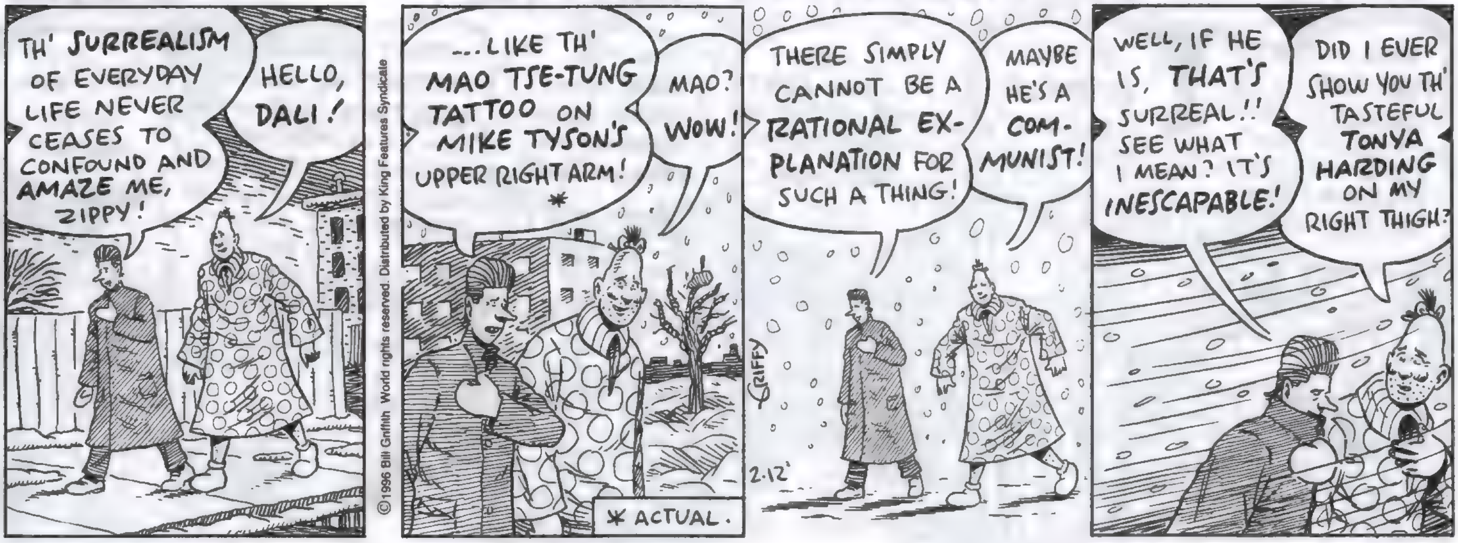
WELL, HE HAS TH' POWER TO FORCE MODERN-DAY CARTOON CHARACTERS TO IMITATE HIM SHAMELESSLY!
OH, I HAVE A DOG WHO CAN DO THAT!
GRIFFY
2-10
OH, YEH? WHAT'S HIS NAME?
"OUTCAULT"!
MEOW?
ROUGH!

ZIPPY "THIGH OF THE BEHOLDER" BILL GRIFFITH


TH' SURREALISM OF EVERYDAY LIFE NEVER CEASES TO CONFOUND AND AMAZE ME, ZIPPY!
HELLO, DALI!
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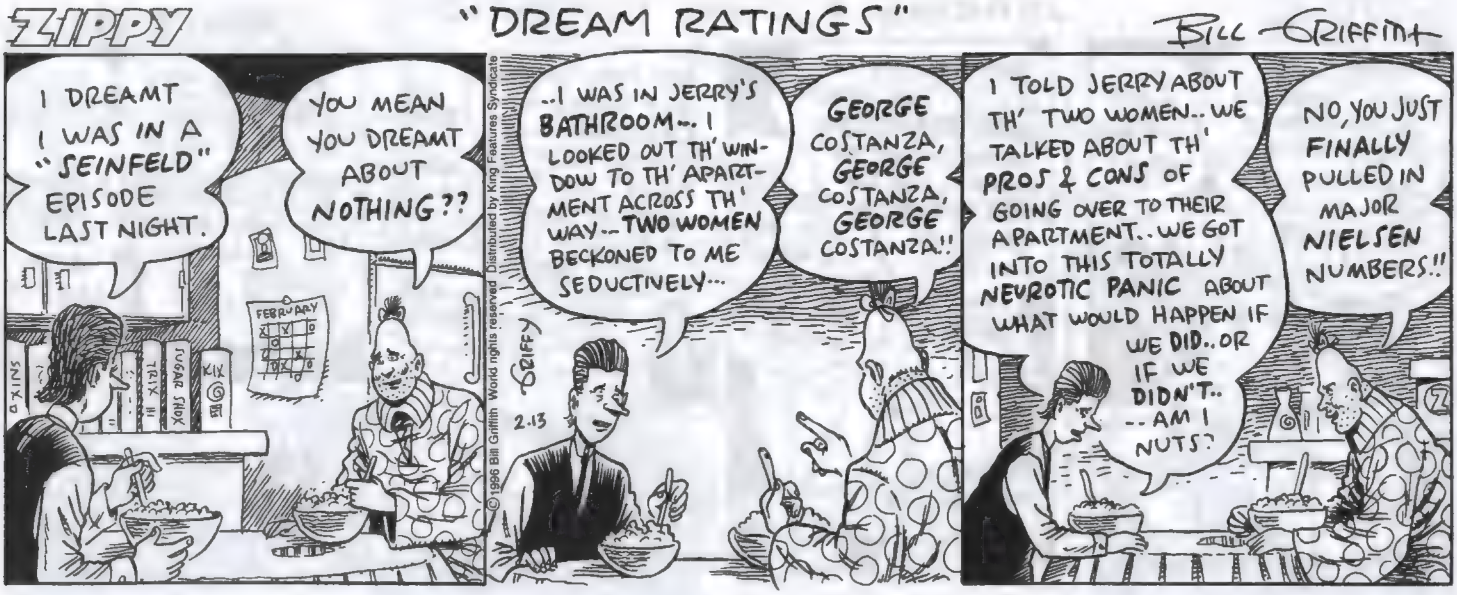
...LIKE TH' MAO TSE-TUNG TATTOO ON MIKE TYSON'S UPPER RIGHT ARM! *
MAO? WOW!
* ACTUAL.
GRIFFY
THERE SIMPLY CANNOT BE A RATIONAL EXPLANATION FOR SUCH A THING!
MAYBE HE'S A COMMUNIST!
2.12
WELL, IF HE IS, THAT'S SURREAL!! SEE WHAT I MEAN? IT'S INESCAPABLE!
DID I EVER SHOW YOU TH' TASTEFUL TONYA HARDING ON MY RIGHT THIGH?


ZIPPY
"DREAM RATINGS"
BILL GRIFFITH
I DREAMT I WAS IN A "SEINFELD" EPISODE LAST NIGHT.
YOU MEAN YOU DREAMT ABOUT NOTHING??
SNIX
TRIX II
SUGAR SNOX
KIX
FEBRUARY
..I WAS IN JERRY'S BATHROOM-- I LOOKED OUT TH' WINDOW TO TH' APARTMENT ACROSS TH' WAY-- TWO WOMEN BECKONED TO ME SEDUCTIVELY...
GEORGE COSTANZA, GEORGE COSTANZA, GEORGE COSTANZA!!
GRIFFY 2-13
I TOLD JERRY ABOUT TH' TWO WOMEN.. WE TALKED ABOUT TH' PROS & CONS OF GOING OVER TO THEIR APARTMENT.. WE GOT INTO THIS TOTALLY NEUROTIC PANIC ABOUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE DID..OR IF WE DIDN'T.. --AM I NUTS?
NO, YOU JUST FINALLY PULLED IN MAJOR NIELSEN NUMBERS!!
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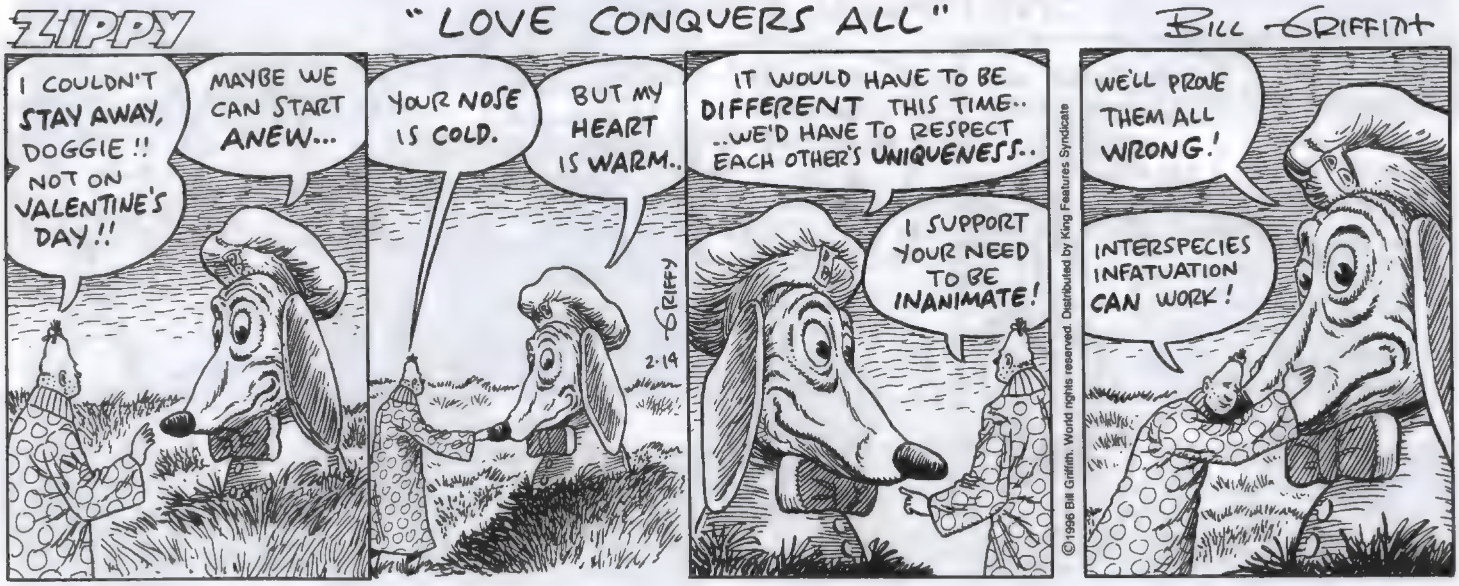
ZIPPY
"LOVE CONQUERS ALL"
BILL GRIFFITH
I COULDN'T STAY AWAY, DOGGIE!! NOT ON VALENTINE'S DAY!!
MAYBE WE CAN START ANEW...
YOUR NOSE IS COLD.
BUT MY HEART IS WARM..
GRIFFY 2-14
IT WOULD HAVE TO BE DIFFERENT THIS TIME.. ..WE'D HAVE TO RESPECT EACH OTHER'S UNIQUENESS..
I SUPPORT YOUR NEED TO BE INANIMATE!
WE'LL PROVE THEM ALL WRONG!
INTERSPECIES INFATUATION CAN WORK!
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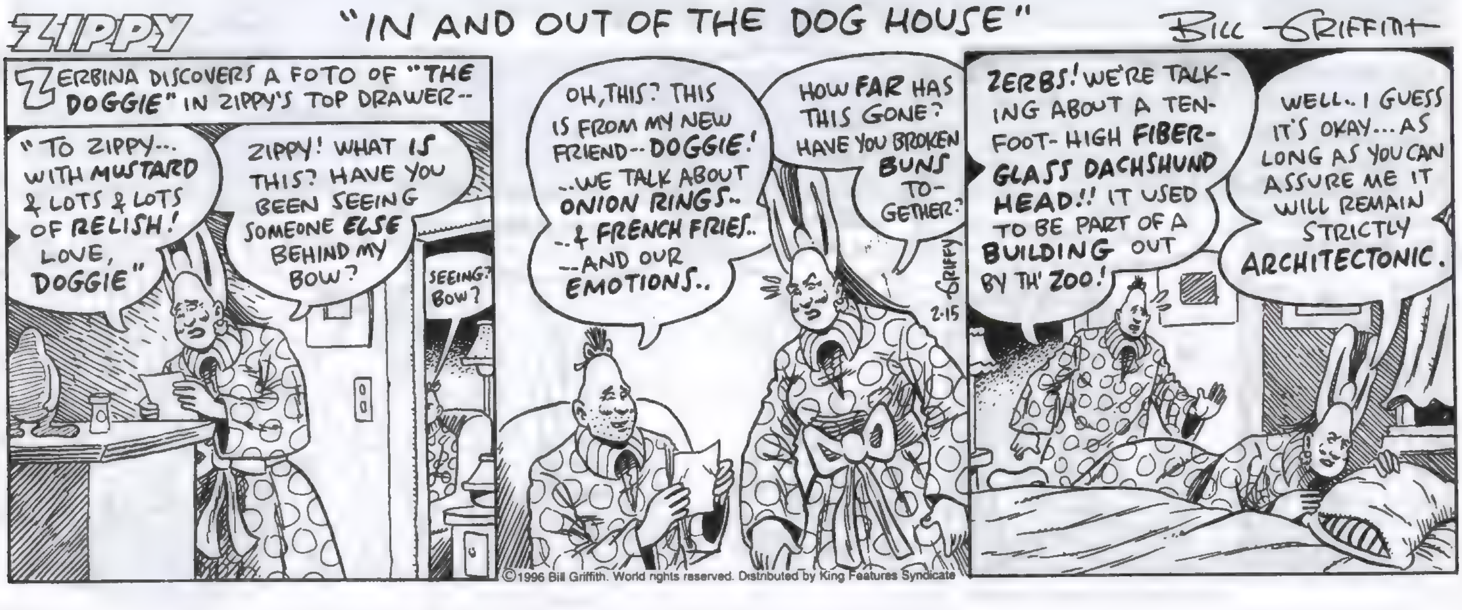
ZIPPY
"IN AND OUT OF THE DOG HOUSE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZERBINA DISCOVERS A FOTO OF "THE DOGGIE" IN ZIPPY'S TOP DRAWER--
"TO ZIPPY... WITH MUSTARD & LOTS & LOTS OF RELISH! LOVE, DOGGIE"
ZIPPY! WHAT IS THIS? HAVE YOU BEEN SEEING SOMEONE ELSE BEHIND MY BOW?
SEEING? BOW?
OH, THIS? THIS IS FROM MY NEW FRIEND-- DOGGIE! ..WE TALK ABOUT ONION RINGS.. ..& FRENCH FRIES.. --AND OUR EMOTIONS..
HOW FAR HAS THIS GONE? HAVE YOU BROKEN BUNS TOGETHER?
GRIFFY 2-15
ZERBS! WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A TEN-FOOT-HIGH FIBERGLASS DACHSHUND HEAD!! IT USED TO BE PART OF A BUILDING OUT BY TH' ZOO!
WELL.. I GUESS IT'S OKAY... AS LONG AS YOU CAN ASSURE ME IT WILL REMAIN STRICTLY ARCHITECTONIC.
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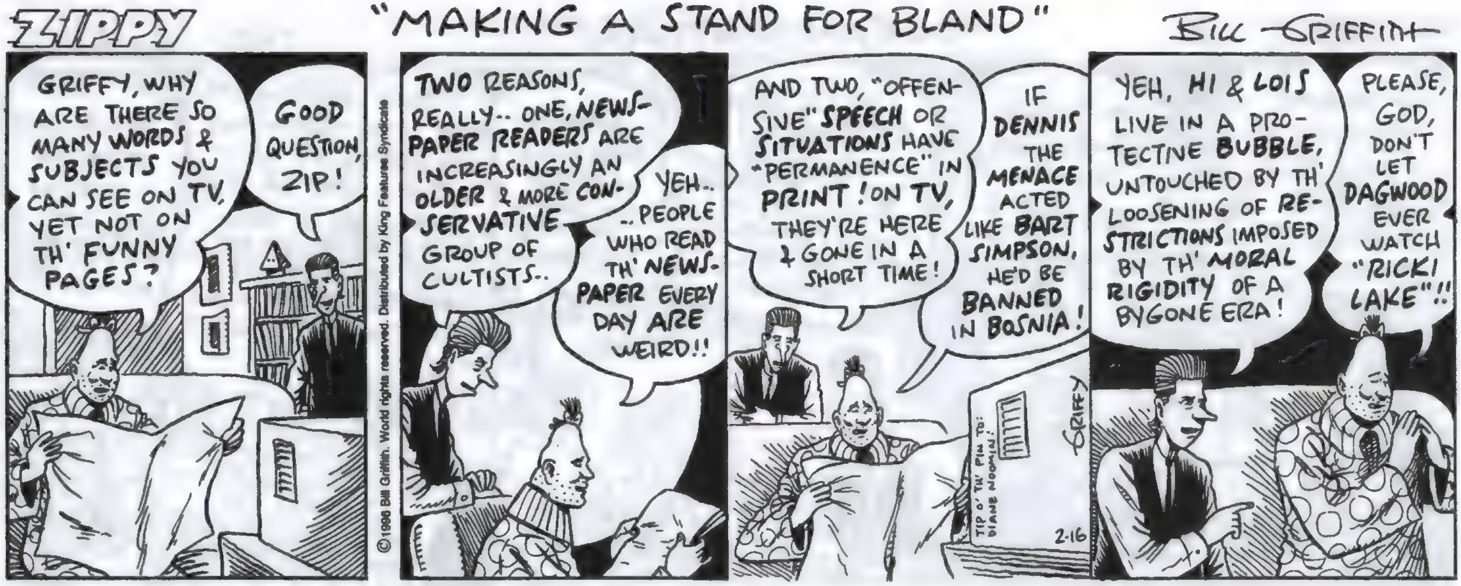
ZIPPY
"MAKING A STAND FOR BLAND"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY, WHY ARE THERE SO MANY WORDS & SUBJECTS YOU CAN SEE ON TV, YET NOT ON TH' FUNNY PAGES?
GOOD QUESTION, ZIP!
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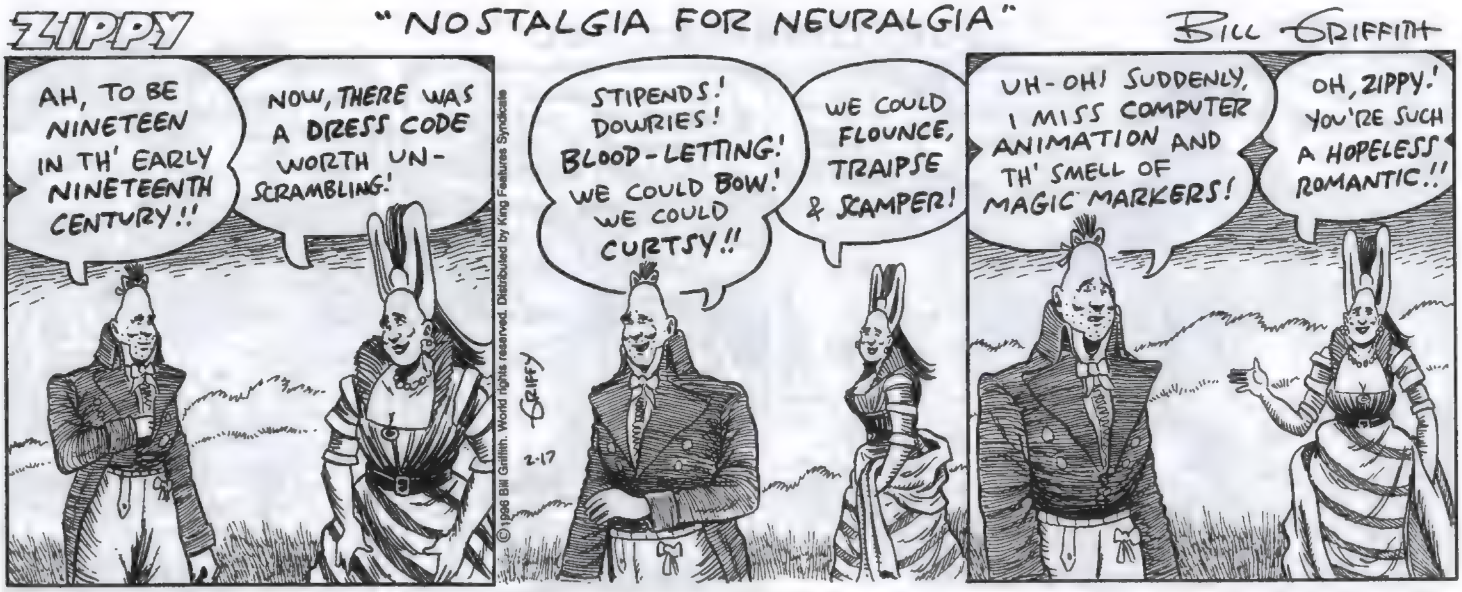
TWO REASONS, REALLY.. ONE, NEWSPAPER READERS ARE INCREASINGLY AN OLDER & MORE CONSERVATIVE GROUP OF CULTISTS..
YEH.. ..PEOPLE WHO READ TH' NEWSPAPER EVERY DAY ARE WEIRD!!
AND TWO, "OFFENSIVE" SPEECH OR SITUATIONS HAVE "PERMANENCE" IN PRINT! ON TV, THEY'RE HERE & GONE IN A SHORT TIME!
IF DENNIS THE MENACE ACTED LIKE BART SIMPSON, HE'D BE BANNED IN BOSNIA!
TIP O' TH' PIN TO: DIANE NOOMIN!
GRIFFY
2-16
YEH, HI & LOIS LIVE IN A PROTECTIVE BUBBLE, UNTOUCHED BY TH' LOOSENING OF RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY TH' MORAL RIGIDITY OF A BYGONE ERA!
PLEASE, GOD, DON'T LET DAGWOOD EVER WATCH "RICKI LAKE"!!


ZIPPY
"NOSTALGIA FOR NEURALGIA"
BILL GRIFFITH
AH, TO BE NINETEEN IN TH' EARLY NINETEENTH CENTURY!!
NOW, THERE WAS A DRESS CODE WORTH UNSCRAMBLING!
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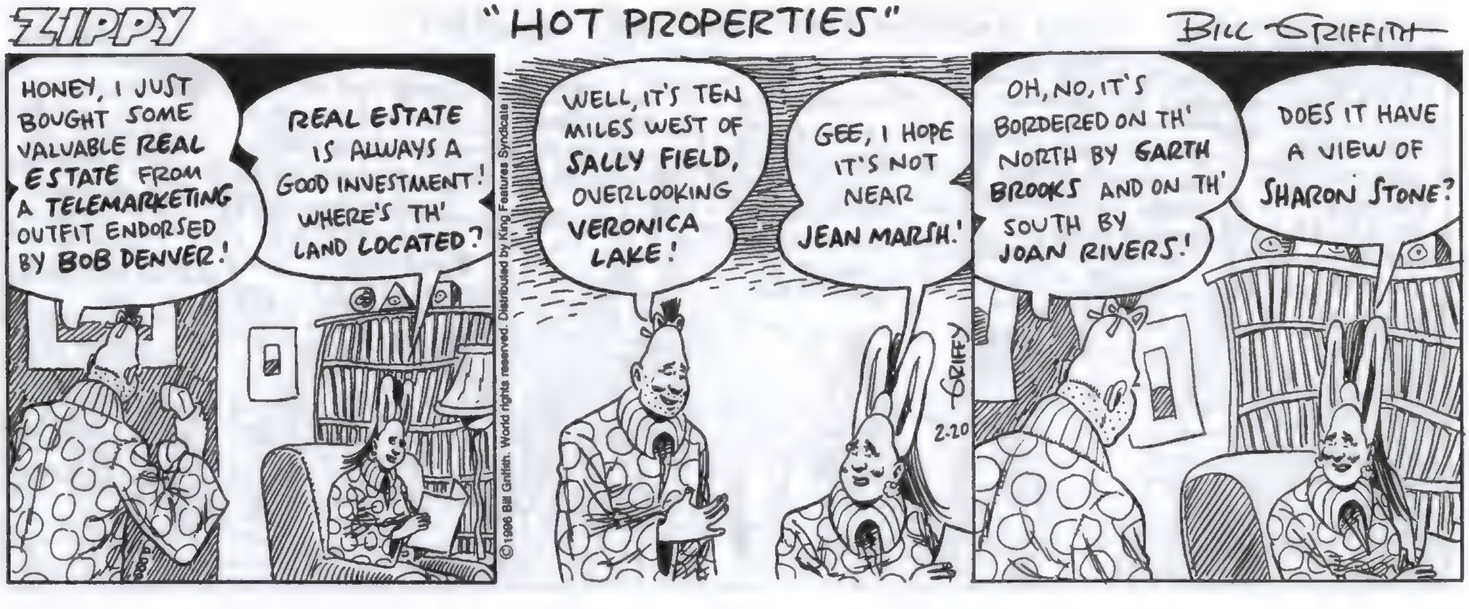
GRIFFY
2-17
STIPENDS! DOWRIES! BLOOD-LETTING! WE COULD BOW! WE COULD CURTSY!!
WE COULD FLOUNCE, TRAIPSE & SCAMPER!
UH-OH! SUDDENLY, I MISS COMPUTER ANIMATION AND TH' SMELL OF MAGIC MARKERS!
OH, ZIPPY! YOU'RE SUCH A HOPELESS ROMANTIC!!


ZIPPY
"HOT PROPERTIES"
BILL GRIFFITH
HONEY, I JUST BOUGHT SOME VALUABLE REAL ESTATE FROM A TELEMARKETING OUTFIT ENDORSED BY BOB DENVER!
REAL ESTATE IS ALWAYS A GOOD INVESTMENT! WHERE'S TH' LAND LOCATED?
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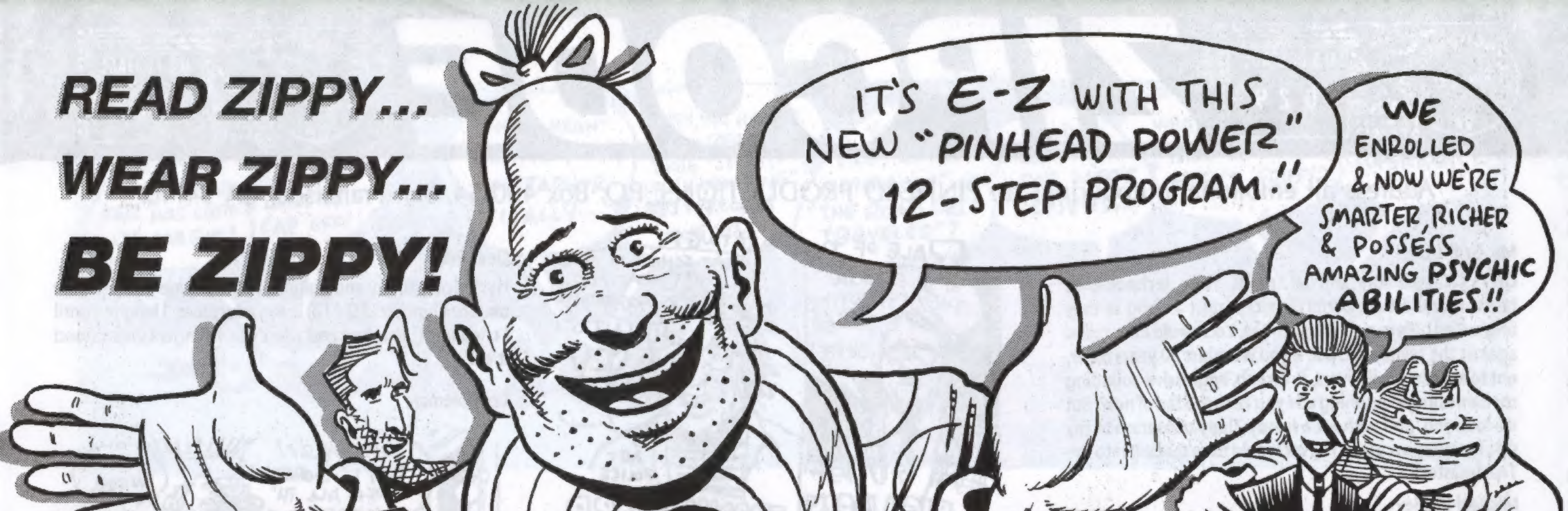
WELL, IT'S TEN MILES WEST OF SALLY FIELD, OVERLOOKING VERONICA LAKE!
GEE, I HOPE IT'S NOT NEAR JEAN MARSH!
GRIFFY
2-20
OH, NO, IT'S BORDERED ON TH' NORTH BY GARTH BROOKS AND ON TH' SOUTH BY JOAN RIVERS!
DOES IT HAVE A VIEW OF SHARON STONE?

READ ZIPPY... WEAR ZIPPY... BE ZIPPY!


IT'S E-Z WITH THIS NEW "PINHEAD POWER 12-STEP PROGRAM"!!
WE ENROLLED & NOW WE'RE SMARTER, RICHER & POSSESS AMAZING PSYCHIC ABILITIES!!

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Zippy

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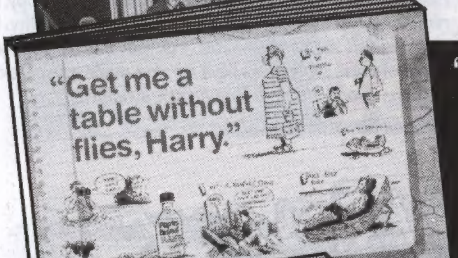
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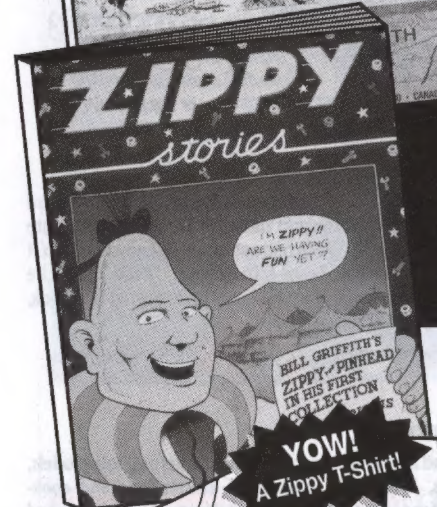
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I'M ZIPPY!! ARE WE HAVING FUN YET?
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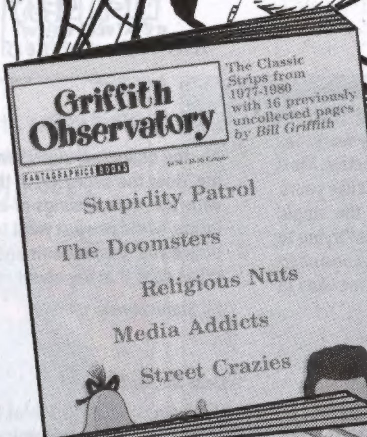
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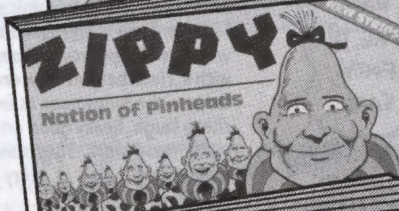
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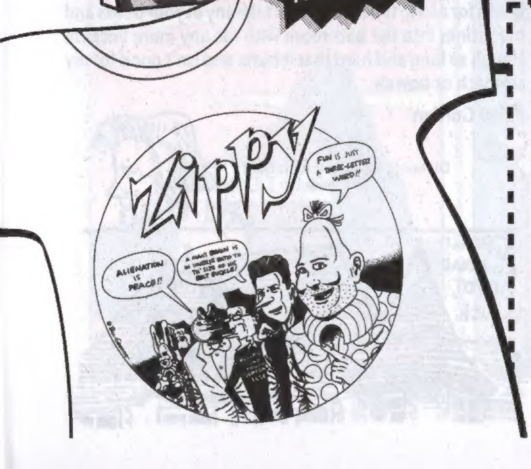
Zippy
FUN IS JUST A THREE-LETTER WORD!!
A MAN'S BRAIN IS IN INVERSE RATIO TO TH' SIZE OF HIS BELT BUCKLE!
ALIENATION IS PEACE!!

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Mr. Griffith,

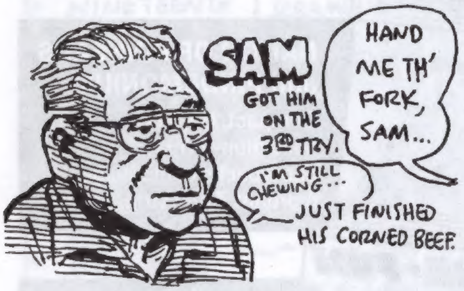
Griffy's Creed: Any and all trends, fads, technologies, fashions and art are perfectly acceptable, as long as they originated before my 20th birthday. You would have railed against the telephone, pal, if you were just 50 years older, not to mention Phil Silvers, R. Crumb, aggressive-sounding car names and everything else you're such a fan of now. But we love you, and without a handy Zippy quotation at my side for every occasion, I never would have made it into the Toastmasters.

Michael Blakley

Dear Griffy,

You really make my day, man. Your strip is the ultimate in your field. Your slant somehow breaks up (read: shatters) the mundane, boring, depressing reality of my workaday world and puts it all back into the proper perspective. Most of the people I know that read the funnies don't like yours. That makes it even funnier for me because the stupid bastards don't get it. I'm laughing my ass off and trying to explain things like Zippy's preoccupation with consumerism and the absurdity of it all and they look at me like I'm speaking Martian.

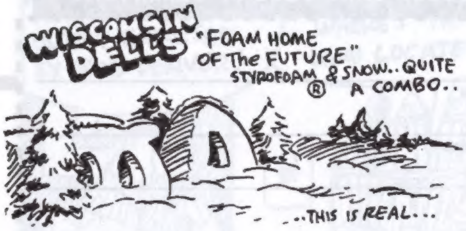
Tim Brothers


SAM
GOT HIM ON THE 3RD TRY.
HAND ME TH' FORK, SAM...
I'M STILL CHEWING...
JUST FINISHED HIS CORNED BEEF.

Dear Bill,

I'm writing in regard to your comic strip, Zippy the Pinhead. I have not decided if you are trying to be profoundly hip or if your sense of humor is really that sickeningly inane. Either way, I hate it. I detest every word that comes out of any Zippy character you've ever created. It aggravates me every time I read a newspaper that carries your idiotic achievement. Why do I keep reading? I keep hoping to open the paper and see that Zippy is gone. Your strip sucks!! Please cease and desist!

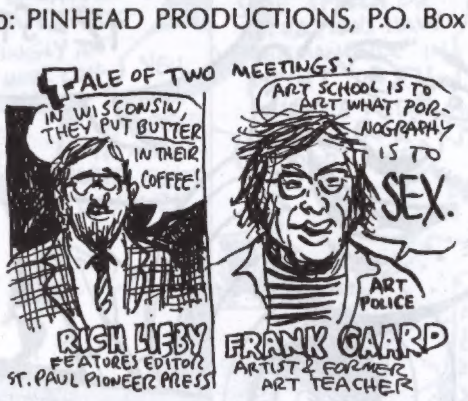
Jon Hulmer


WISCONSIN DELLS
"FOAM HOME OF THE FUTURE"
STYROFOAM ® & SNOW.. QUITE A COMBO..
..THIS IS REAL...

Dear Mr. Griffith,

The fact that *Zippy* even *appears* in mainstream comics pages (like the *Washington Post*) is brilliant. Quite an anomaly. *Zippy* kicks ass. I'm an ex-fanboy and really dug the superhero arc.

Oslo


TALE OF TWO MEETINGS:
IN WISCONSIN, THEY PUT BUTTER IN THEIR COFFEE!
ART SCHOOL IS TO ART WHAT PORNOGRAPHY IS TO SEX.
ART POLICE
RICH LIEBY
FEATURES EDITOR
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FRANK GAARD
ARTIST & FORMER ART TEACHER

Mr. Griffith,

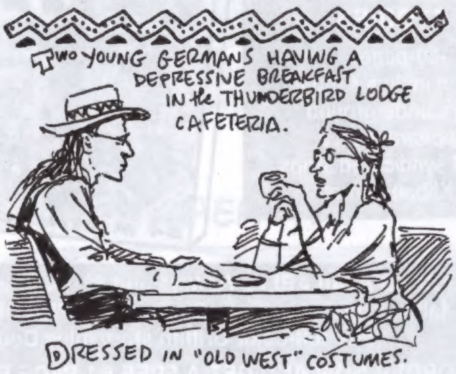
Ah, the obligatory superhero parody cover (*ZQ* #12). Tell me, does the depiction of the firearm on said cover tie in with the male-feelings-of-inadequacy tone of the story inside, or did you just want to see how many people would notice you drew a penis and would write to tell about it? What does that say about me?

J.J. Staniszewski

Dear Mr. Griffith,

I like your comic strip. I think I'm one of the very few people I know that likes your comic strip. They're not all funny. In fact, some days, they end up being downright inane, but what I really appreciate *Zippy* for is that you take chances with it. I feel that you draw one of the last real artistic comic strips — the funny page as an artform and not just for the cheap laugh. Really good artists shouldn't put out consistently good work. They should be throwing their muse around and failing at every three projects to make one great one.

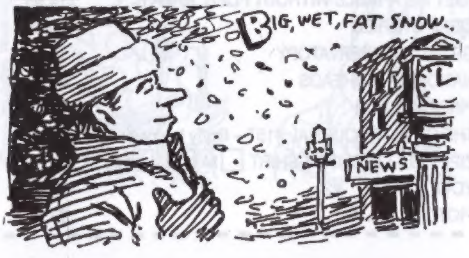
Marshall Elliott


TWO YOUNG GERMANS HAVING A DEPRESSIVE BREAKFAST IN THE THUNDERBIRD LODGE CAFETERIA.
DRESSED IN "OLD WEST" COSTUMES.

Dear Mr. Griffith,

Greetings from London. I avidly read *Zippy*. I am always filled with warmth and admiration at the depth and breadth of your wit and insight. You are, in my opinion, one of the few American satirists who can still brooch both mainstream and underground culture in one fell swoop.

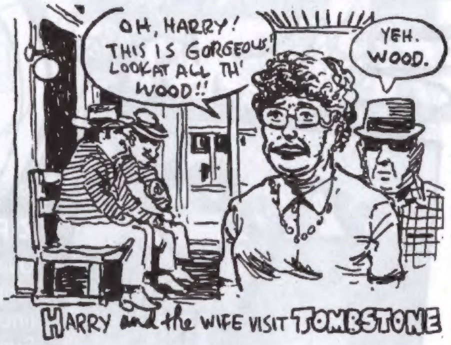
M. Swan


BIG, WET, FAT SNOW..
NEWS

Dear Bill,

Hysterically funny and poignant at the same time, *Pinman and the Chastiser* (*ZQ* #12) is a masterpiece. I laughed until I cried until I laughed and what's so strange, I understood it all!

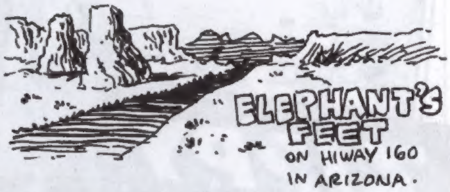
Les Coleman


OH, HARRY! THIS IS GORGEOUS! LOOKAT ALL TH' WOOD!!
YEH. WOOD.
HARRY and the WIFE VISIT TOMBSTONE

Dear Drawer of *Zippy* comic,

I am writing to express concern about your comic, *Zippy*. It reminds me of making fun of someone with a disability. It also reminds me of alcoholism. I do not like to laugh at either of these subjects. Believe me, I've made my share of mistakes. Good luck in future artistic attempts.

Lorraine Kowalski


ELEPHANT'S FEET
ON HIWAY 160 IN ARIZONA.

Dear Mr. Griffith,

Best wishes from French Polynesia (Tahiti). I began to read *Zippy* in 1986 while taking classes at Tempe Arizona State University. The U.S. was quite strange, but nowhere was it more strange than *Zippy*! A friend said, "Read *Zippy*", he wears a muu-muu!" That was enough for me to take a look, and I will be hooked forever!

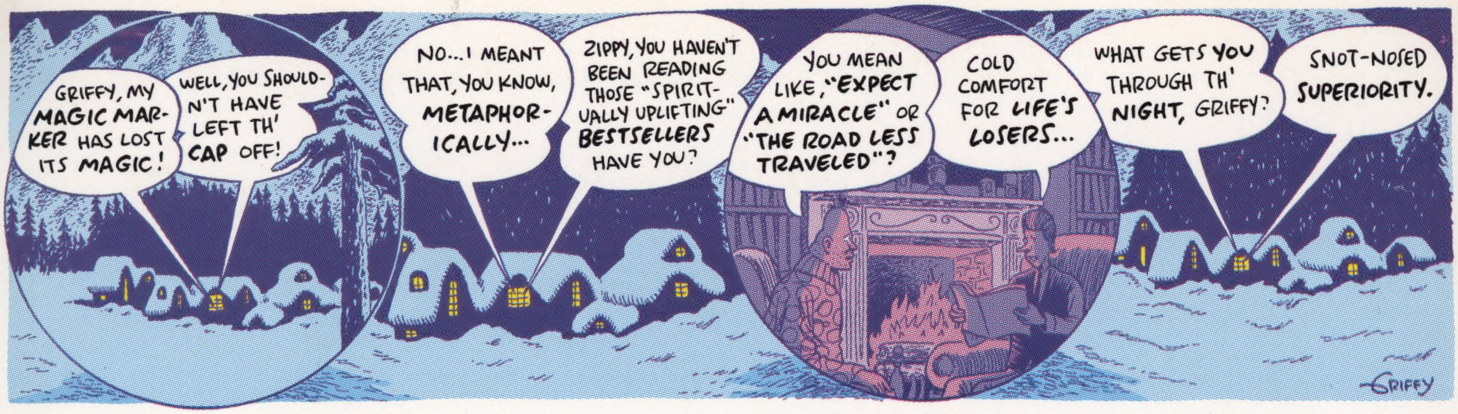
Jean-Pierre-Jaussen

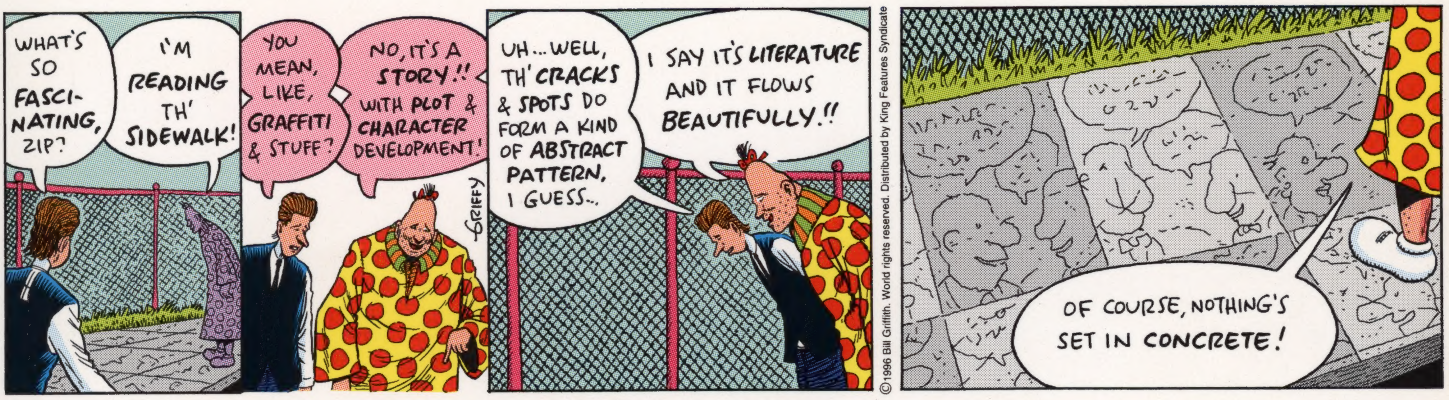
Dear Bill Griffith,

You and Zippy have been my absolute heroes, role models, echoes, inspirations, messages, affirmations and cookbooks for a long time. But I can't take any of your books and magazines into the bathroom with me any more because I laugh so long and hard that it hurts and isn't good for my stomach or bowels.

Philip Gordon

Distance lends enchantment to the view
THE OLD RAILROAD DEPOT, Duluth.


GRIFFY, MY MAGIC MARKER HAS LOST ITS MAGIC!
WELL, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT TH' CAP OFF!
NO... I MEANT THAT, YOU KNOW, METAPHORICALLY...
ZIPPY, YOU HAVEN'T BEEN READING THOSE "SPIRITUALLY UPLIFTING" BESTSELLERS HAVE YOU?
YOU MEAN LIKE, "EXPECT A MIRACLE" OR "THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED"?
COLD COMFORT FOR LIFE'S LOSERS...
WHAT GETS YOU THROUGH TH' NIGHT, GRIFFY?
SNOT-NOSED SUPERIORITY.
GRIFFY


WHAT'S SO FASCINATING, ZIP?
I'M READING TH' SIDEWALK!
YOU MEAN, LIKE, GRAFFITI & STUFF?
NO, IT'S A STORY!! WITH PLOT & CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT!
GRIFFY
UH... WELL, TH' CRACKS & SPOTS DO FORM A KIND OF ABSTRACT PATTERN, I GUESS...
I SAY IT'S LITERATURE AND IT FLOWS BEAUTIFULLY!!
OF COURSE, NOTHING'S SET IN CONCRETE!

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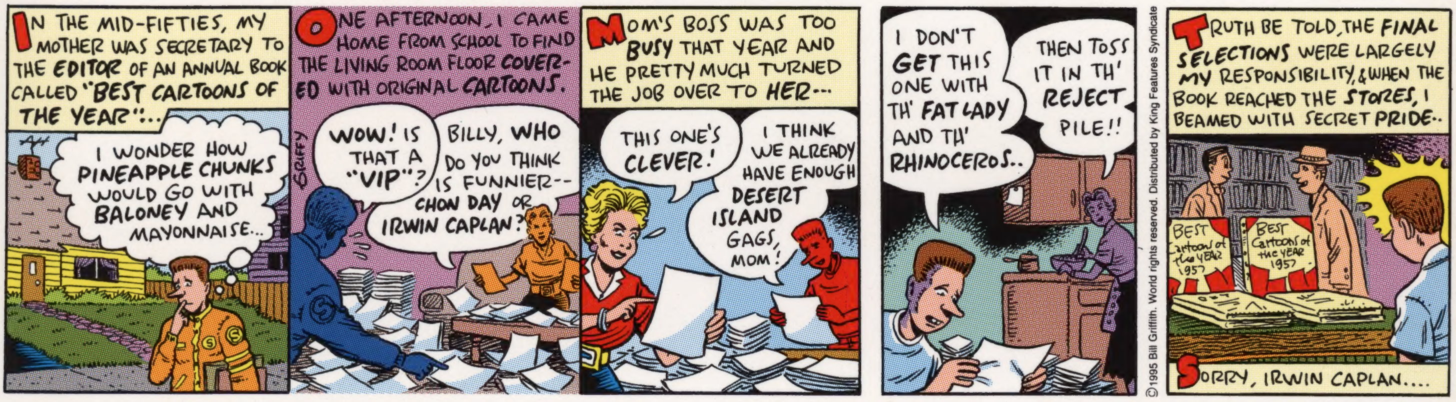
IN THE MID-FIFTIES, MY MOTHER WAS SECRETARY TO THE EDITOR OF AN ANNUAL BOOK CALLED "BEST CARTOONS OF THE YEAR"...
I WONDER HOW PINEAPPLE CHUNKS WOULD GO WITH BALONEY AND MAYONNAISE...
ONE AFTERNOON, I CAME HOME FROM SCHOOL TO FIND THE LIVING ROOM FLOOR COVERED WITH ORIGINAL CARTOONS.
GRIFFY
WOW! IS THAT A "VIP"?
BILLY, WHO DO YOU THINK IS FUNNIER-- CHON DAY OR IRWIN CAPLAN?
MOM'S BOSS WAS TOO BUSY THAT YEAR AND HE PRETTY MUCH TURNED THE JOB OVER TO HER...
THIS ONE'S CLEVER!
I THINK WE ALREADY HAVE ENOUGH DESERT ISLAND GAGS, MOM!
I DON'T GET THIS ONE WITH TH' FAT LADY AND TH' RHINOCEROS..
THEN TOSS IT IN TH' REJECT PILE!!
TRUTH BE TOLD, THE FINAL SELECTIONS WERE LARGELY MY RESPONSIBILITY, & WHEN THE BOOK REACHED THE STORES, I BEAMED WITH SECRET PRIDE..
BEST CARTOONS of the YEAR 1957
BEST CARTOONS of the YEAR 1957
SORRY, IRWIN CAPLAN....

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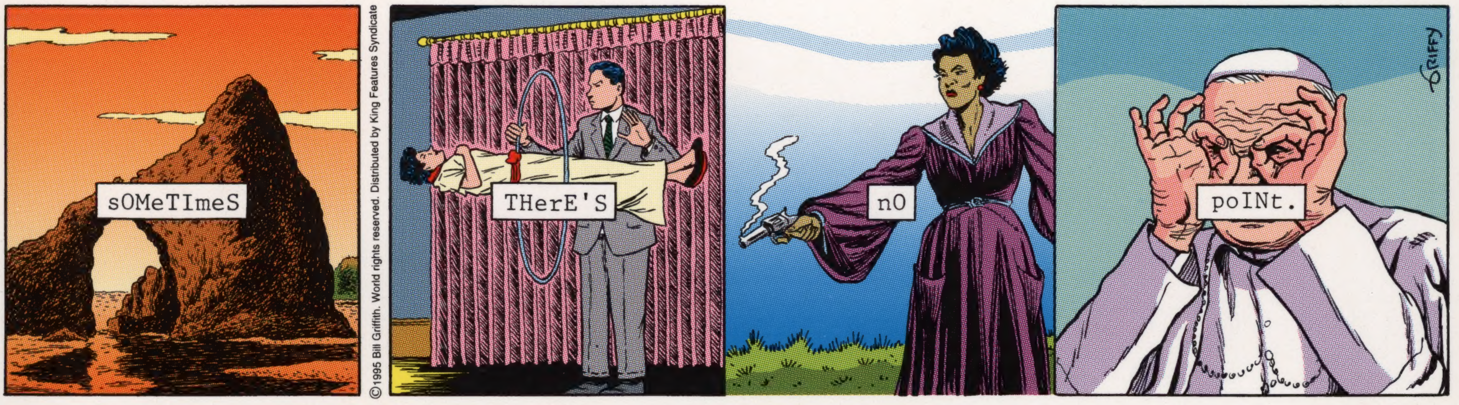
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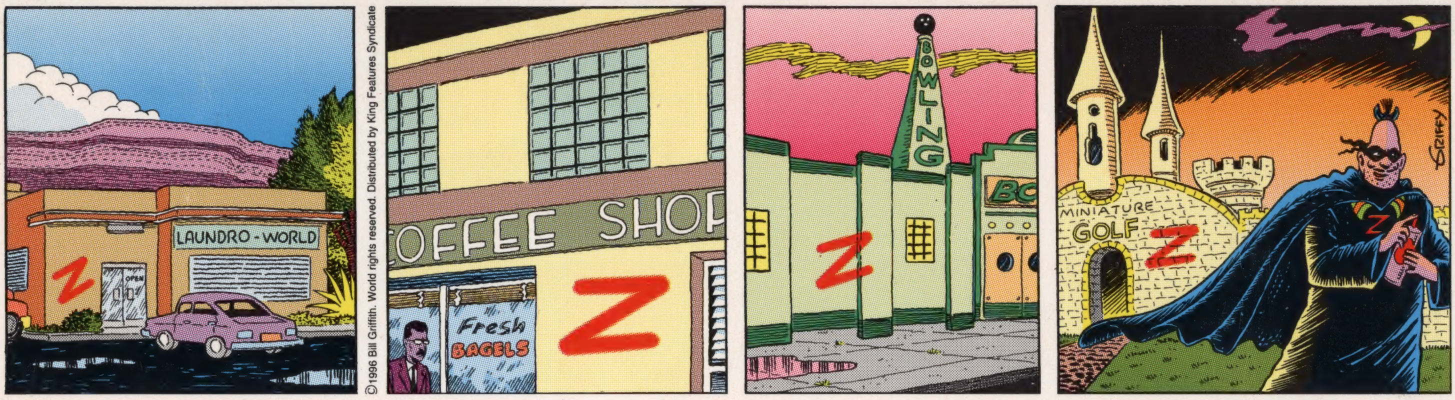
LAUNDRO-WORLD
OPEN
Z
COFFEE SHOP
Fresh BAGELS
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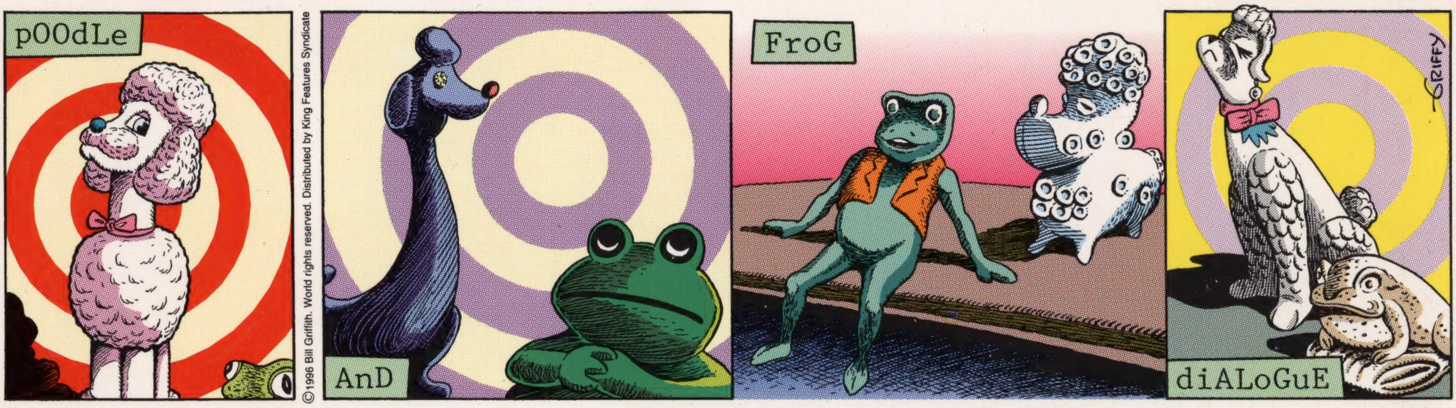
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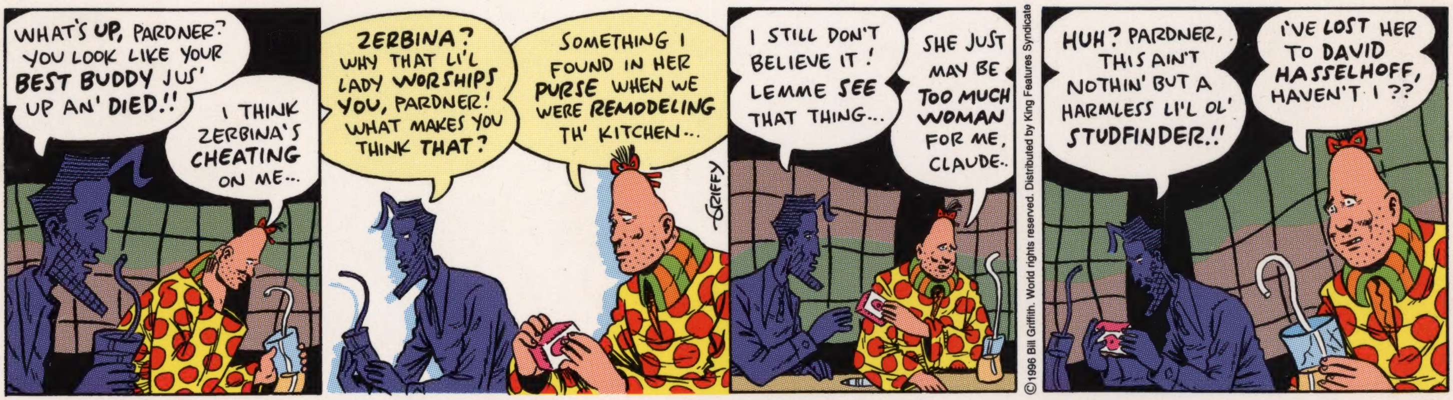
WHAT'S UP, PARDNER? YOU LOOK LIKE YOUR BEST BUDDY JUS' UP AN' DIED!!
I THINK ZERBINA'S CHEATING ON ME...
ZERBINA? WHY THAT LI'L LADY WORSHIPS YOU, PARDNER! WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT?
SOMETHING I FOUND IN HER PURSE WHEN WE WERE REMODELING TH' KITCHEN...
GRIFFY
I STILL DON'T BELIEVE IT! LEMME SEE THAT THING...
SHE JUST MAY BE TOO MUCH WOMAN FOR ME, CLAUDE..
HUH? PARDNER, THIS AIN'T NOTHIN' BUT A HARMLESS LI'L OL' STUDFINDER!!
I'VE LOST HER TO DAVID HASSELHOFF, HAVEN'T I??
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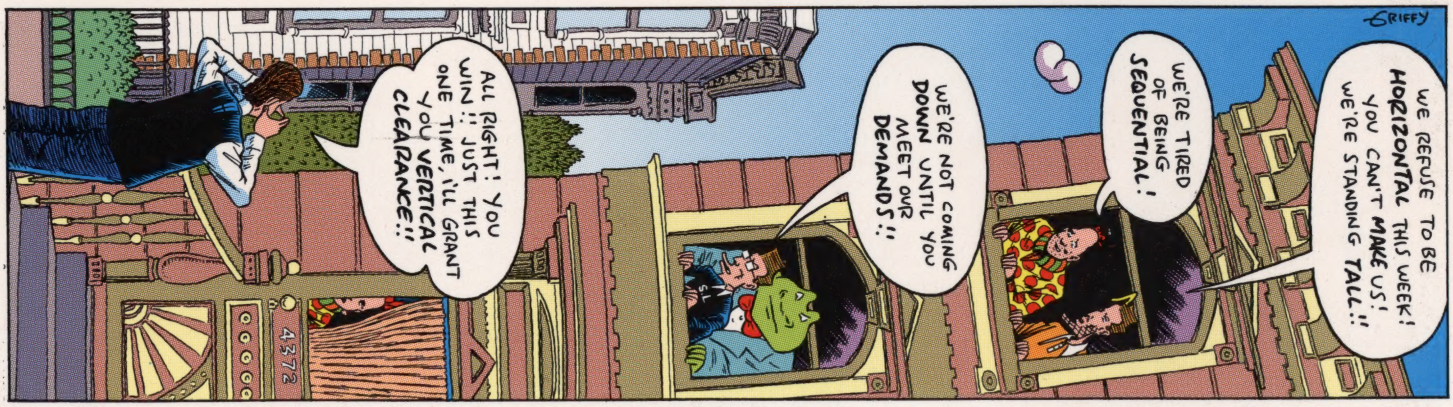
WE REFUSE TO BE HORIZONTAL THIS WEEK! YOU CAN'T MAKE US! WE'RE STANDING TALL!!
WE'RE TIRED OF BEING SEQUENTIAL!
WE'RE NOT COMING DOWN UNTIL YOU MEET OUR DEMANDS!!
ALL RIGHT! YOU WIN!! JUST THIS ONE TIME, I'LL GRANT YOU VERTICAL CLEARANCE!!
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GRIFFY